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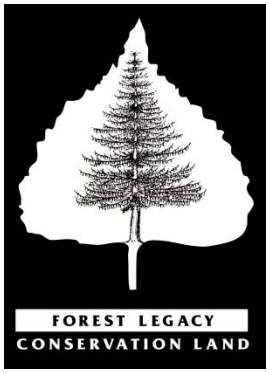

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Forest Legacy Program Synopsis

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is to protect environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses.

Program Description

The Forest Legacy Program is a partnership between participating States and the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. These entities work together to identify important forest lands and protect them for future generations.

Conservation easements are the primary tool used to achieve this goal. Priority is given to lands that have important scenic or recreational values; riparian areas; fish and wildlife values, including threatened and endangered species; or other ecological values.

Program Characteristics

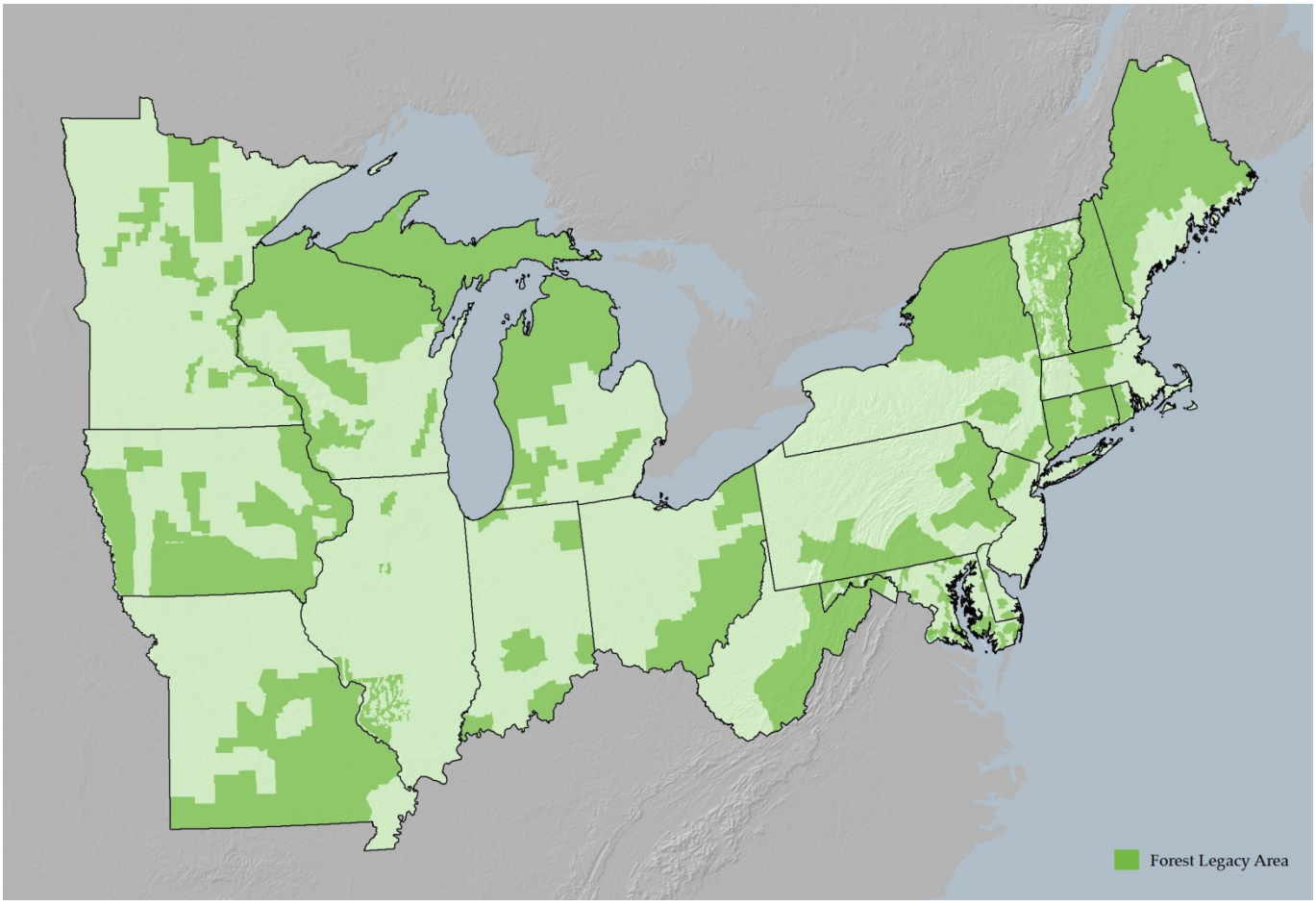
- The Forest Legacy Program is entirely voluntary. It operates only in States that have elected to join the program.
- The program helps States and regions identify important forest areas. Lands targeted for protection must fall within designated Forest Legacy Areas.
- State and local partners select priority tracts in cooperation with the Forest Service.
- The program is based on a "willing seller and willing buyer" concept.
- When conservation easements are used, the land remains privately owned.
- Other protection tools include full-fee purchase, voluntary deed restrictions, covenants, and agreements.
- The interests in land may be held by the Federal government or by the State or a unit of local government if the State chooses to select the State Grant Option as authorized by the 1996 Farm Bill.
- When the Federal government holds the easement, State or local units of government agree to administer the lands or interests in lands.
- The lands and interests are held in perpetuity. In the case of interests in land, there is no loss of the Federal investment resulting from change of ownership.
- Forest Stewardship Plans that meet the landowner's objectives for natural resource management and describe actions to protect the important environmental values for which the land was enrolled in the FLP are prepared on all privately owned tracts.
- The tracts acquired can remain "working forests" and can forever provide forest resources to meet the needs of the local community and the Nation.

Forest Legacy Program of Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry

This report outlines program activity and accomplishments in the 20 States served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF), a unit of the Forest Service, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 (October 1, 2012–September 30, 2013).

- All 20 States served by NA S&PF have voluntarily joined the Forest Legacy Program.
- In FY 2013, accomplishments occurred in five of the States served by NA S&PF, where a total of 50,283 acres was protected from conversion to nonforest uses.
- NA S&PF's cumulative FLP accomplishments since 1993 total 1,614,332 acres on 458 tracts through September 30, 2013.
- The total Federal FLP investment of $295,868,000 in the States served by NA S&PF has protected forests valued at $593,161,000 through conservation easements and fee acquisitions since 1993.
- The national appropriations for the FLP Projects and NA S&PF's share over the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	National FLP Appropriations	NA S&PF FLP Share
2010	$72,760,000	$28,565,000
2011	$48,950,000	$25,450,000
2012	$52,185,000	$15,730,000
2013	$44,215,000	$17,020,000
2014	$44,565,000	$20,185,000



Properties considered for inclusion in the Forest Legacy Program must be located within a State's designated Forest Legacy Area (darker green areas on the map).

Partner Roles

The Federal Role

The significance of the public benefits of a particular forest ranges from local to national in scope. Larger forests tend to be nationally significant because as forest size decreases, the values they provide diminish. Extensive forest areas are often subject to the additional challenge of multiple ownerships and numerous political jurisdictions. Through the FLP, the Federal government helps State and local governments look beyond their political boundaries to identify important forest areas. The Federal government provides oversight, and financial and technical assistance to help protect important forests.

The State Role

States integrate partner resources to cooperatively protect and maintain a forest land base. The lead agency, usually the State forestry agency, carries out the FLP in the State. Responsibilities include the following:

- Collecting information to identify and delineate important forest areas that may be selected as Forest Legacy Areas.
- Consulting with the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee to achieve program purposes.
- Maintaining Federal standards while conducting land acquisition activities.
- Integrating policies and incentives to conserve a forest land base.
- Holding and administering the lands or interests in land that enter the FLP.
- Monitoring tracts for program compliance.

The State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee Role

The State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee's role is identified in the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act. Its duties for the FLP, identified in the act and FLP guidelines, include:

- Establishing eligibility criteria and recommending Forest Legacy Areas in the Assessment of Need process.
- Prioritizing lands for inclusion in the FLP.
- Advising the State lead agency to achieve FLP objectives.

The Nongovernmental Organization (Land Trust) Role

Nongovernmental organizations, specifically land trusts or similar organizations, have a distinct relationship with the FLP. Because of their compatible interest in protecting land for conservation purposes, land trusts can be a primary contact with landowners to negotiate the purchase of conservation easements and to monitor the conservation easements once they are enrolled in the FLP. Lands acquired by or donated to land trusts may be counted toward the non-Federal cost-share amount of total program costs, provided the interests in lands contribute to the goals of the Forest Legacy Program and the lands are located within a Forest Legacy Area.

The Landowner Role

Landowner participation in the FLP is voluntary. A landowner joins the program either by conveying interests in lands to achieve the conservation objectives of the FLP or by purchasing or inheriting land that has already been committed to an FLP conservation easement. The landowner becomes a primary practitioner in maintaining the forest land base by implementing management activities guided by a Forest Stewardship Plan to conserve the values for which the land entered the program.

Federal, State, local, landowner, and nonprofit partners are critical to ensuring the successful completion of Forest Legacy projects. Tim Mooney from The Nature Conservancy explained the Tillinghast Pond Forest Legacy Project to State and Federal FLP staff.

Forest Legacy Projects Completed During FY 2013

In FY 2013, accomplishments occurred in five of the States served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF). A total of 50,283 acres was protected from conversion to nonforest uses. NA S&PF's cumulative FLP accomplishments since 1993 totaled 1,614,332 acres on 458 tracts through September 30, 2013. The total Federal FLP investment of $295,868,000 in the States served by NA S&PF has protected forests valued at $593,161,000 through conservation easements and fee acquisitions.

FY 2013 accomplishments of the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Forest Legacy Program, including projects in the States of Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, are highlighted on the following pages.

West Grand Lake Community Forest – Maine

On December 18, 2012, Maine's Division of Parks and Public Lands acquired a 21,870-acre working forest conservation easement in the heart of Maine's Downeast lakes area from the Lyme Timber Company for the appraised value of $7.28 million. The conserved lands protect an entire landscape surrounding the village of Grand Lake Stream, home of one of the highest concentrations of sporting guides in Maine. The lands add to a 1.4 million-acre contiguous block of conserved land stretching across eastern Maine and Canada. The Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT), partnering with Maine, helped acquire the property by leveraging $5,555,000 in FLP funds to receive $1,250,000 from the Land for Maine's Future fund and raise $385,000 from local and private sources. DLLT hopes to acquire the property with the conservation easement to add to their 33,708-acre Community Forest, which includes a previous FLP project, the 6,632-acre Machias III Wabassus Lake tract that was protected in 2009 with a conservation easement held by the State.

An aerial view of Dyer Cove on West Grand Lake and a portion of the West Grand Lake Forest.
Photo by Downeast Lakes Land Trust assisted by LightHawk

The Appalachian Trail on the Crocker Mountain FLP project in Carrabassett Valley, Maine.
Photo by Jerry and Marcy Monkman

Crocker Mountain – Maine

A 3½-year effort to protect a 12,046-acre property in the Sugarloaf area of Maine concluded on June 11, 2013. The property in Carrabassett Valley holds three of Maine's highest mountain peaks that reach an elevation of 4,000 feet as well as a 10-mile stretch of the Appalachian Trail. This forested property will remain a working forest and will also be managed for public recreation, ecological protection, and scenic protection. In the future, the State of Maine plans to develop new trails for hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and ATV riding. The Forest Legacy Program contributed $5,835,213. Additional funding ($661,962) came from the Land for Maine's Future Program; the Town of Carrabassett Valley and over 100 private donors provided the remaining funds.

Southern Monadnock Plateau II – Massachusetts
The sale of a conservation restriction (CR) from Robert and Dagne McAuley to the Town of Ashby Conservation Commission on a 146-acre parcel in the Town of Ashby, Massachusetts, completed this large, multitract project on December 28, 2012. The landowners, Robert and Dagne McAuley, sold the CR at a bargain sale for $330,000; the appraised value for the CR was $592,500. This last tract closed out a deal several years in the making and concluded the Southern Monadnock Plateau Phase II project. The McAuley tract is joined by 17 tracts of fee and conservation restriction acquisitions that protect a total of 2,047 acres of forests over seven communities and two States in an expanse of rolling hills and important water resources in north-central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

The many forested tracts of the Southern Monadnock Plateau FLP project protect a diverse array of habitats, including this vernal pool.
Photo by Jeff Collins

The forests of the Metacomet-Monadnock Forest FLP project protect water quality for public water supplies and wildlife habitat. Photo by Ken Croft

Metacomet-Monadnock Forest – Massachusetts
On March 7 and 22, 2013, four conservation restrictions were acquired and added to the Massachusetts FLP. The four conservation restrictions had an appraised value of $815,000 and were acquired with $772,000 in FLP funds. Other cost share was previously acquired through lands donated to the Metacomet-Monadnock Forest (MMF) project. These four tracts join eight other tracts in the MMF project that protect a total of 1,052 acres of forest over a several mile-wide expanse, protecting many parts of the New England National Scenic Trail along with other forest values.

Crisp Point – Michigan
The fee acquisition of a 3,810-acre project in Michigan's Upper Peninsula was completed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with assistance from Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC) on December 19, 2012. The Crisp Point project protects over 2 miles of Lake Superior shoreline and environmentally important forest. The DNR worked extensively with LTC and the landowner to ensure that the property is protected for current and future generations, and provides public access to healthy forests, an inland lake, sand dunes, and Great Lakes shoreline. The FLP contributed $4,477,500 towards the acquisition that is valued at $5,970,000. The remaining $1,492,500 non-Federal cost share for the project was provided by a private donor.

A fraction of the 2 miles of Lake Superior forested shoreline protected by the Crisp Point Forest Legacy Project.
Photo by Neal Bungard

Landowner Roger Nesselrodt (right) and his son Nathan at the gate to the Smoke Hole #1 FLP conservation easement property.
Photo by Bob Radspinner

Smoke Hole 1 – West Virginia

West Virginia has acquired its fourth FLP conservation easement on a 378-acre forested tract that is adjacent to the Monongahela National Forest. The tract is located in the Eastern Panhandle of the State in the South Branch of the Potomac River watershed. On January 7, 2013, the State purchased a conservation easement that appraised at $605,000 from landowners Roger and Lori Nesselrodt at a bargain sale price of $453,750. The conservation easement will allow the landowners to continue to manage the property for forest products guided by a State Forester-approved Forest Stewardship Plan. West Virginia is working on a number of additional tracts in the South Branch project to further conservation opportunities through the FLP.

Chippewa Flowage Phase II – Wisconsin

Wisconsin acquired a conservation easement on Phase II of the Chippewa Flowage Forest FLP project in September 2011, protecting 10,083 acres in northern Wisconsin's Sawyer County. Together with Phase I, the Chippewa Flowage Forest easement protects more than 18,000 acres of productively managed hardwood and pine forests. The easement, purchased from Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P., in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, restricts development and ensures that the property will remain forested in perpetuity. Wisconsin acquired the conservation easement using $2,500,000 in FLP funds and $2,052,158 from the State's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund. When all program standards were met on December 4, 2012, the FLP reimbursed the State $2,500,000.

Protection of conservation values and active forest management will continue on the Chippewa Flowage Project. Photo by Neal Bungard

Budget Summary

Appropriations for the National Forest Legacy Program (dollars in thousands) Fiscal Years 2005–2014

FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
57,134	56,538	56,563	52,317	49,445	76,460	52,894	53,303	50,515	50,965

Summary of Completed Forest Legacy Acquisition Tracts in States Served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (4/10/93–9/30/13)

State	Tracts	Acres	Total value	FLP payment
Connecticut	30	8,125	$20,324,000	$8,386,000
Delaware	8	2,964	23,932,000	14,180,000
Illinois	10	558	3,430,000	2,516,000
Indiana	25	8,485	13,166,000	9,911,000
Iowa	11	1,986	2,908,000	1,686,000
Maine	29	722,157	133,547,000	65,271,000
Maryland	9	2,014	7,844,000	4,613,000
Massachusetts	90	14,472	42,917,000	25,408,000
Michigan	9	153,917	36,126,000	14,463,000
Minnesota	34	145,665	37,444,000	15,951,000
Missouri	2	583	4,760,000	2,000,000
New Hampshire	50	222,291	57,515,000	36,568,000
New Jersey	13	6,510	47,735,000	15,083,000
New York	13	135,820	34,265,000	12,060,000
Ohio	2	7,402	8,046,000	5,398,000
Pennsylvania	4	4,422	11,786,000	6,516,000
Rhode Island	22	3,583	22,496,000	8,108,000
Vermont	65	80,316	34,025,000	22,947,000
West Virginia	4	3,791	5,761,000	3,205,000
Wisconsin	28	89,271	45,134,000	21,598,000
Total	**458**	**1,614,332**	**$593,161,000**	**$295,868,000**

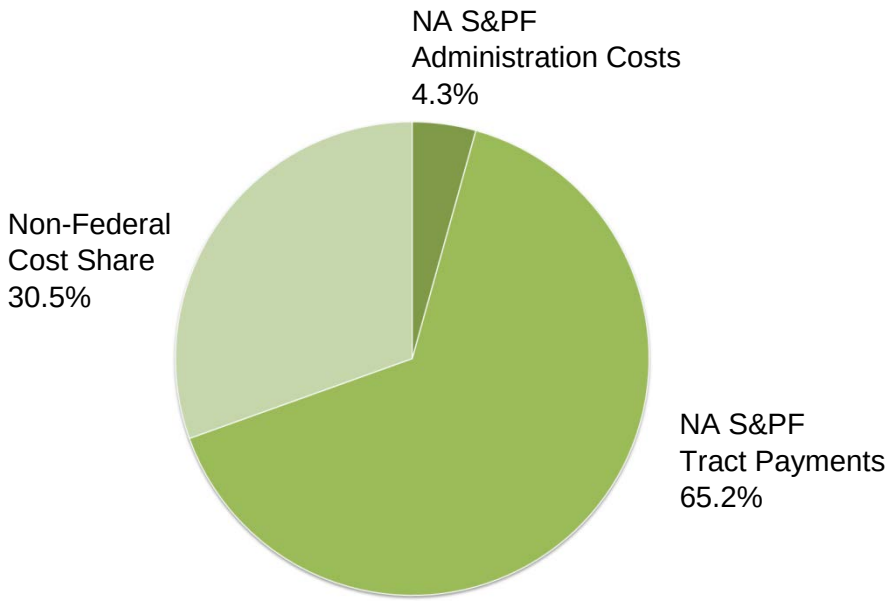
Summary of Funded In-progress Forest Legacy Tracts in States Served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry

State	Tracts	Acres	Total value	FLP payment
Delaware	1	160	$1,113,000	$835,000
Maine	8	73,138	22,585,000	14,979,000
Massachusetts	29	4,188	10,436,000	7,000,000
Michigan	1	750	1,335,000	1,000,000
New Hampshire	6	52,364	22,208,000	17,378,000
New Jersey	3	2,720	8,086,000	5,469,000
New York	4	1,310	2,520,000	1,865,000
Pennsylvania	1	1,100	3,000,000	1,500,000
Vermont	5	5,295	5,810,000	4,325,000
West Virginia	4	1,046	2,195,000	1,650,000
Wisconsin	2	30,196	10,517,000	7,500,000
Total	**64**	**172,267**	**$89,805,000**	**$63,501,000**

Summary of State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts in States Served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry

States	Tracts	Acres	Total value	FLP payment
14	**86**	**88,265**	**$79,220,000**	**$44,600,000**

Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF)
Forest Legacy Program Costs by Federal and Non-Federal Entities



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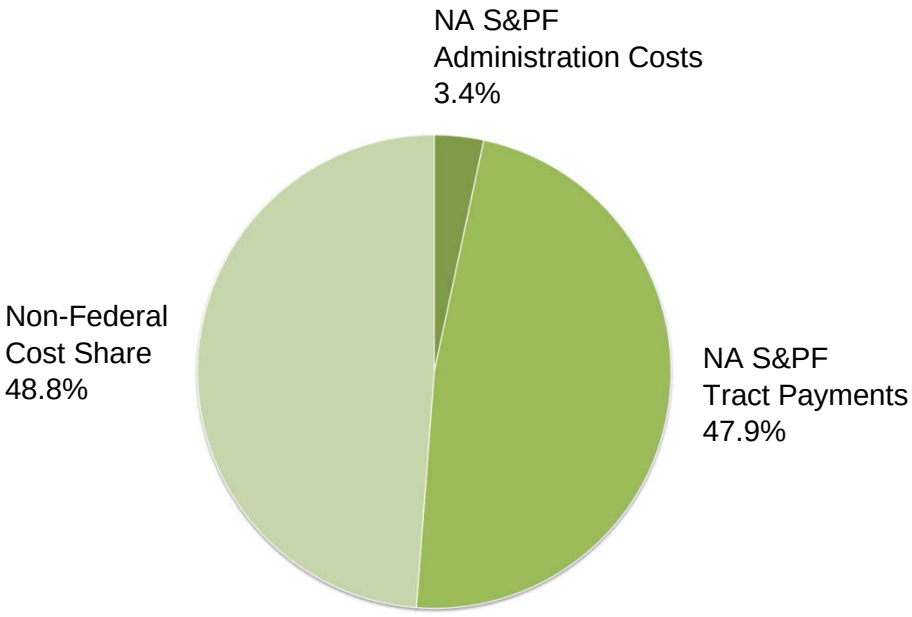

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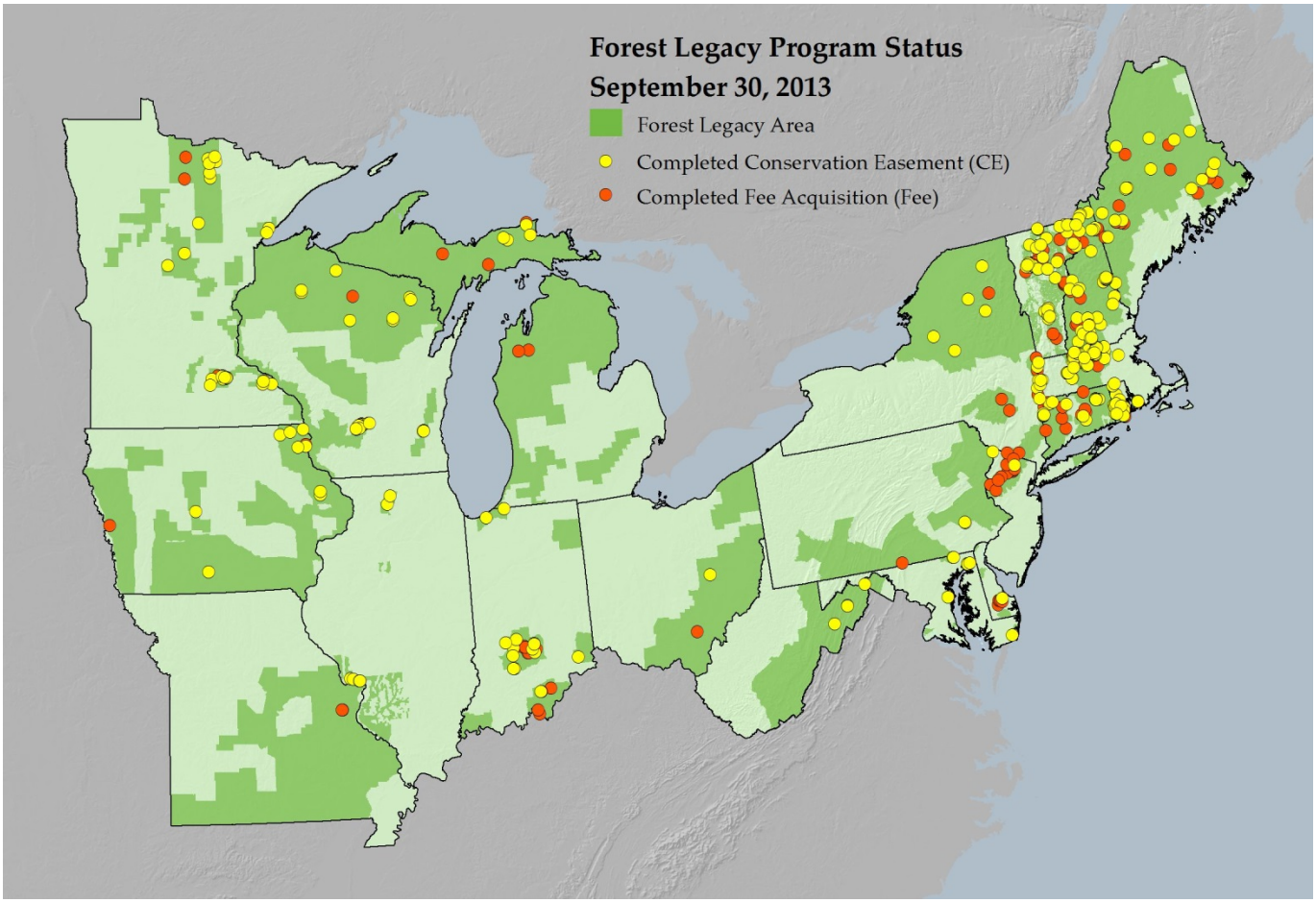
"*To the extent practicable, the Federal share of the total program costs shall not exceed 75 percent, including any in-kind contribution.*" (16 U.S.C. 2103c Forest Legacy Program)

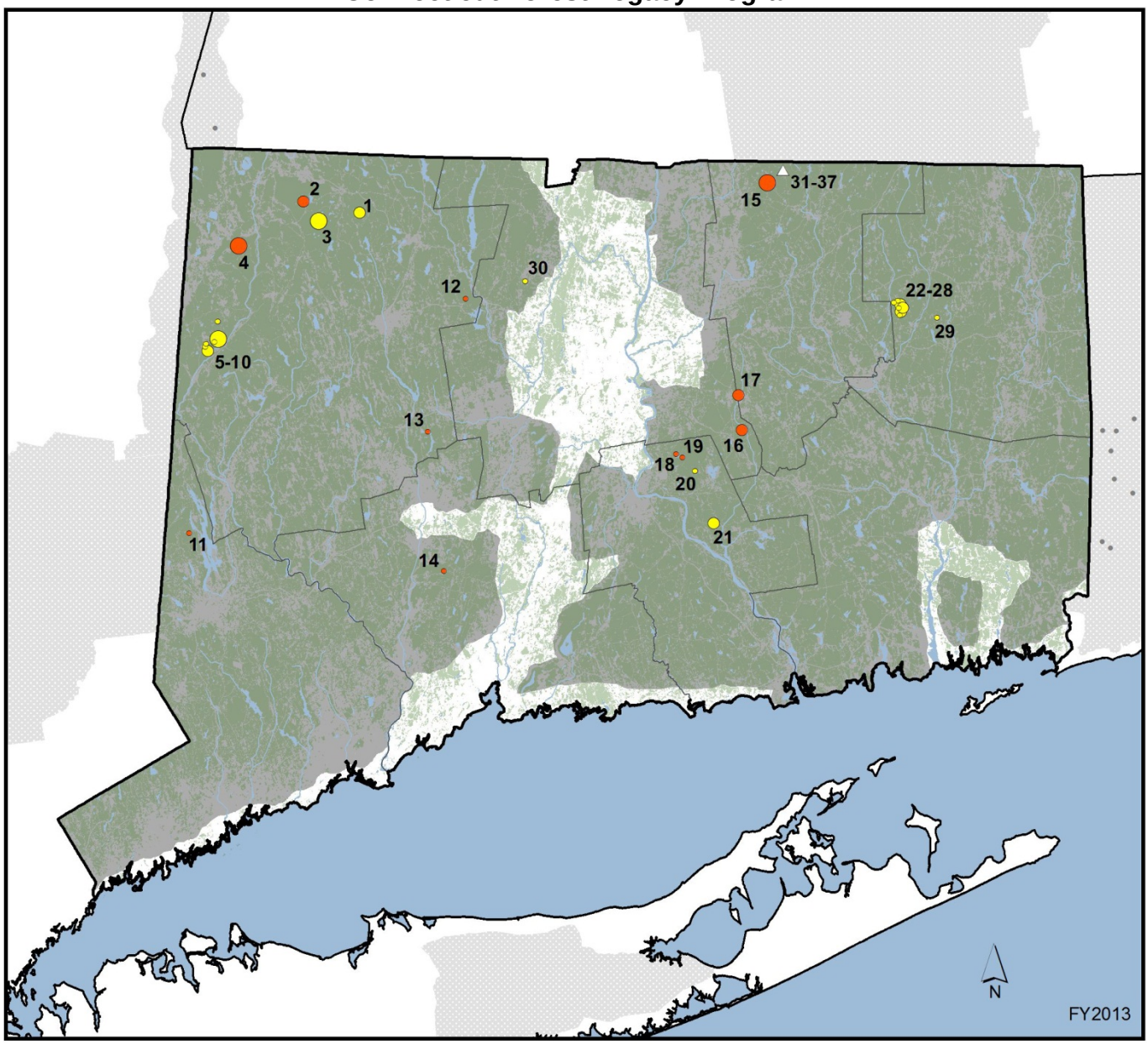
"*As a goal, all attempts should be made to keep administrative funds under 15 percent of the total funds appropriated.*" (Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines Part 1, X.B.)

Forest Legacy Program Activity by State

The following pages summarize Forest Legacy Program Activity in the 20 States served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, including tracts completed through FY 2013, tracts identified for funding, and tracts proposed by each State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee for future funding consideration.



Connecticut Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect large blocks of forest land
- Provide opportunities for continuation of traditional forest uses
- Work with existing open space initiatives to achieve maximum resource conservation
- Protect water quality

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 200 acres
- 100 - 200 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Connecticut Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Connecticut Forest Legacy Program

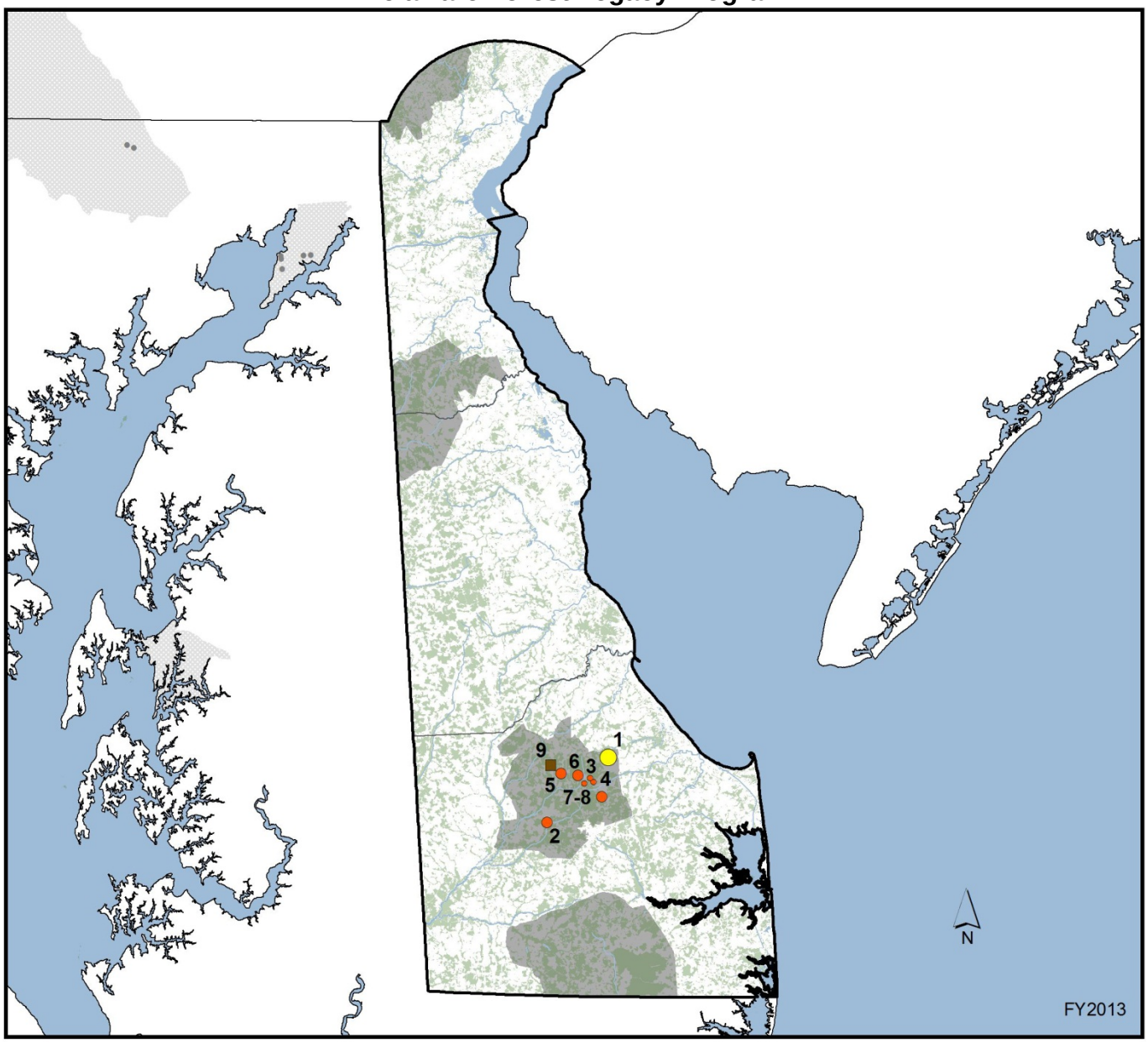
Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Maplewood Farm	CE	172	$210,000	$210,000
2–3	Great Mountain Forest 1–2	CE and Fee	5,528	5,453,000	4,089,000
4	Housatonic	Fee	204	410,000	0
5–10	Skiff Mountain 1–6	CE	705	8,445,000	1,733,000
11	Pootatuck	Fee	45	312,000	0
12	Nepaug	Fee	27	45,000	0
13	Mattatuck	Fee	55	170,000	0
14	Naugatuck	Fee	27	85,000	0
15	Shenipsit	Fee	311	597,000	0
16	Salmon River	Fee	158	315,000	0
17–19	Meshomasic 1–3	Fee	128	260,000	0
20	Peaceful Hill	CE	35	217,000	163,000
21	Pine Brook	CE	126	100,000	100,000
22–28	Stonehouse Brook 1–7	CE	478	795,000	596,000
29	Pogmore	CE	53	80,000	80,000
30	Tulmeadow Farm	CE	73	2,830,000	1,415,000
Completed Projects Total:			**8,125**	**$20,324,000**	**$8,386,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
31–37	Whip-Poor-Will Woods 1–7	CE	1,553	$5,260,000
This project is part of a larger multistate FLP submission that ties directly to Massachusetts' FLP Project Connecticut to Quabbin Reservoir. When combined, the Connecticut and Massachusetts FLP projects work towards connecting upwards of 135,000 acres of protected open space.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**1,553**	**$5,260,000**

Delaware Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forest lands threatened with conversion to nonforest uses
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Provide environmental benefits through the restoration and protection of riparian zones, native forest plants and animals, and remnant forest types
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Provide watershed and water supply protection
- Provide employment opportunities and economic stability through the maintenance of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources in the State
- Provide linkage between public properties, protected properties, and greenways
- Provide protection of rare, threatened, and endangered species of plants and animals
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide educational opportunities

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Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas

Delaware Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)

Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 500 acres
- 250 - 500 acres
- 1 - 250 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Completed project in adjacent State

Delaware Forest Legacy Program

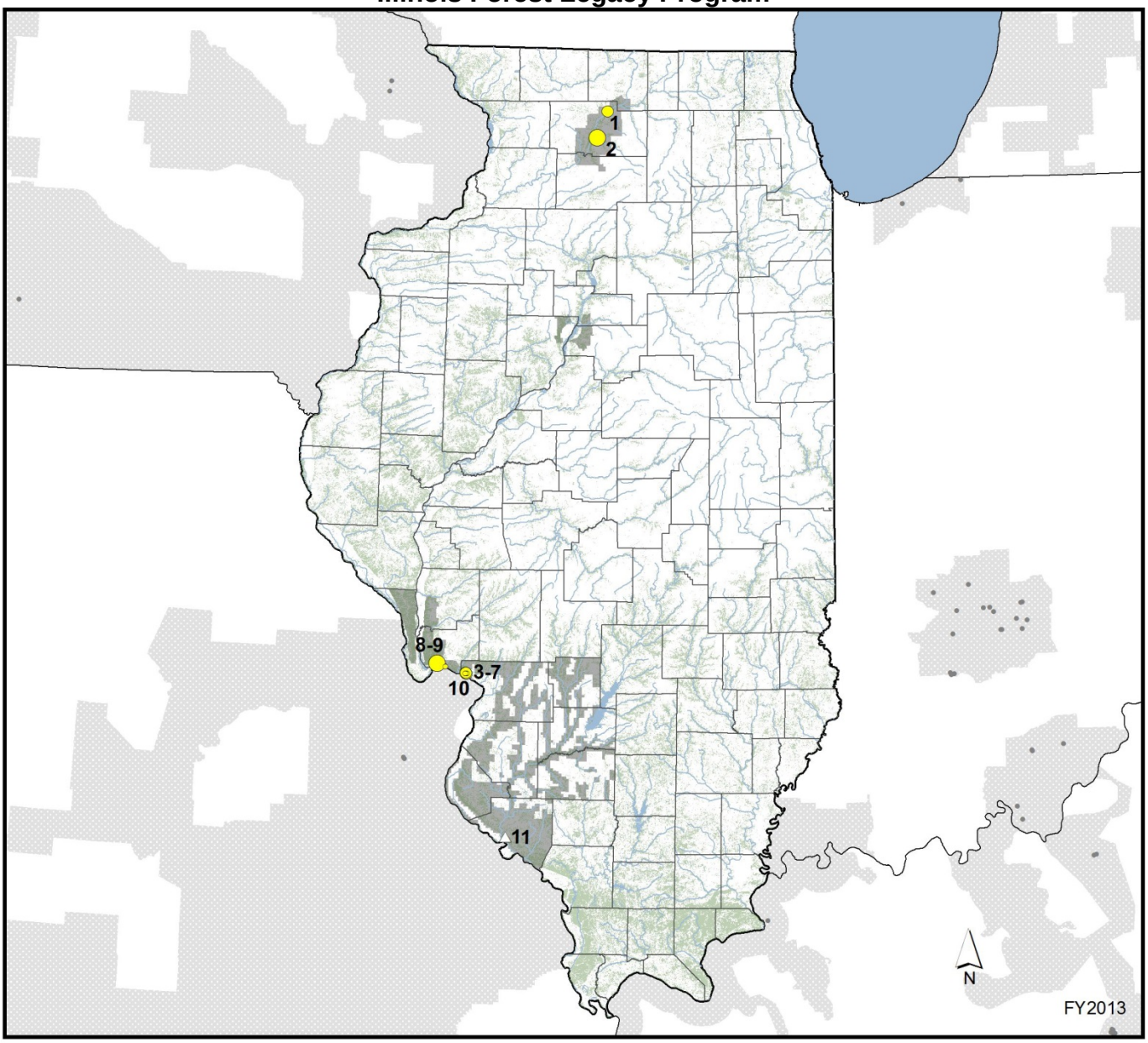
Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Green Horizons I	CE	908	$4,800,000	$1,994,000
2	Green Horizons II	Fee	448	3,030,000	1,975,000
3	Green Horizons III	Fee	88	1,500,000	986,000
4	Green Horizons IV	Fee	240	3,700,000	1,970,000
5	Green Horizons V	Fee	348	3,982,000	2,000,000
6	Green Horizons VI	Fee	377	2,700,000	2,000,000
7–8	Green Horizons VIIa and VIIb	Fee	555	4,220,000	3,165,000
Completed Projects Total:			**2,964**	**$23,932,000**	**$14,180,000**

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
9	Green Horizons VIIc	Fee	160	$1,113,000	$835,000
This tract is part of the continued ongoing effort by the State of Delaware to acquire important forest blocks to add to the Redden State Forest. The properties will continue to be managed for forest resources and allow public access.					
Funded Projects Total:			**160**	**$1,113,000**	**$835,000**

Illinois Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Reduce forest fragmentation
- Restore riparian zones
- Provide public recreational opportunities

Assessment of Need approved November 29, 1994
AON Amended November 4, 2011

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 75 acres
- 50 - 75 acres
- 1 - 50 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Illinois Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Illinois Forest Legacy Program

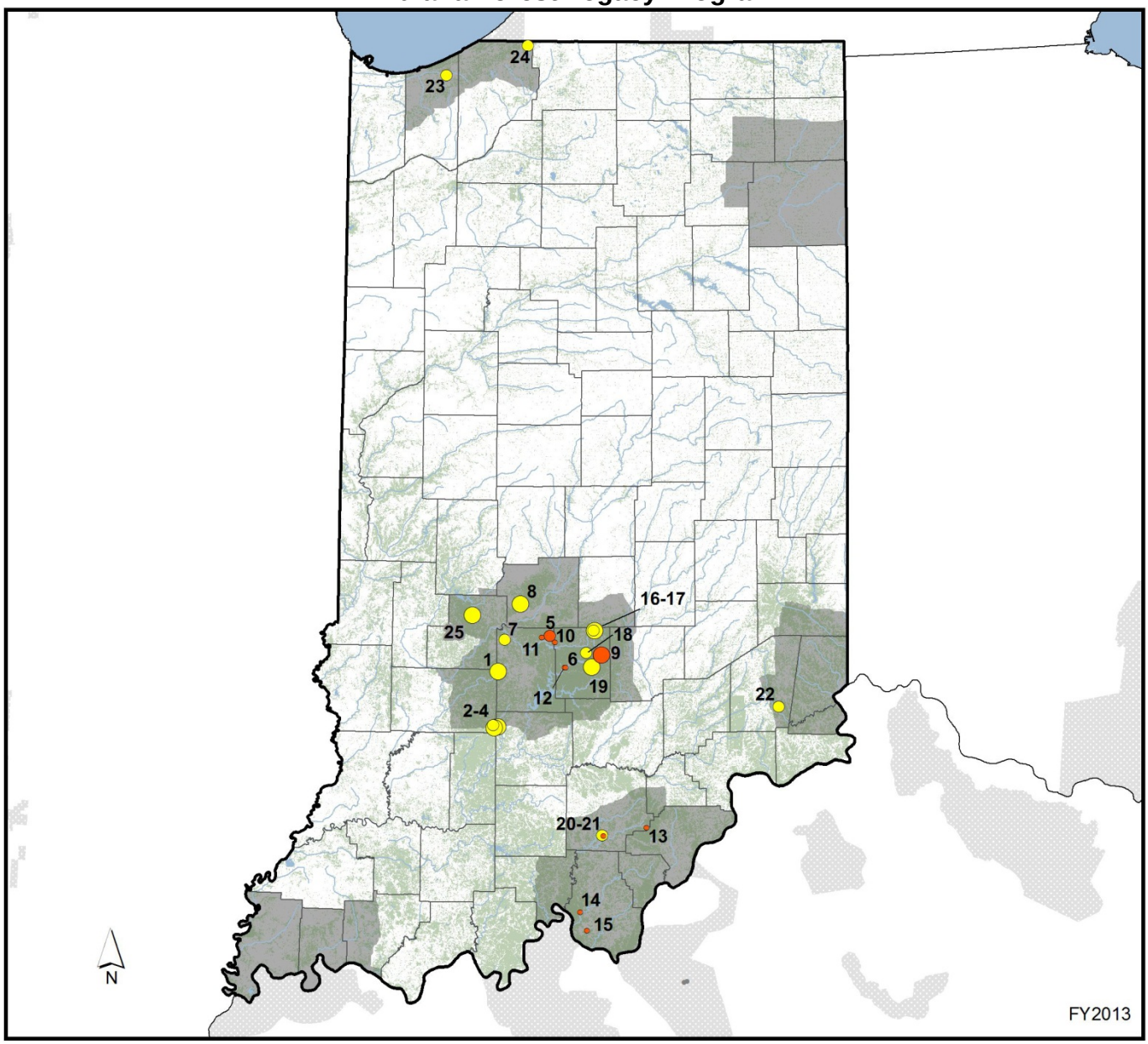
Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Byron Rock River	CE	75	$1,511,000	$1,133,000
2	Daysville Forest	CE	93	365,000	273,000
3–5	Oblate Woods 1–3	CE	143	716,000	492,000
6–7	LaVista Woods 1–2	CE	78	330,000	237,000
8	Rattlesnake Ridge	CE	79	102,000	77,000
9	Chautauqua Woods	CE	25	156,000	117,000
10	River Forest	CE	65	250,000	187,000
Completed Projects Total:			**558**	**$3,430,000**	**$2,516,000**

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
11	Riley Lake Settlement	CE	140	$420,000
This project directly buffers the confluence floodplain of the Kaskaskia and Mississippi Rivers, shares boundaries with a large State Fish and Wildlife Area, and is near Beaver Island in the Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**140**	**$420,000**

Indiana Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important privately owned forest lands threatened with conversion to nonforest uses, keeping these forests as parts of the working natural landscape
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development and subdivision of important forest lands

Assessment of Need approved December 10, 1998

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Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas

Indiana Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)

Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

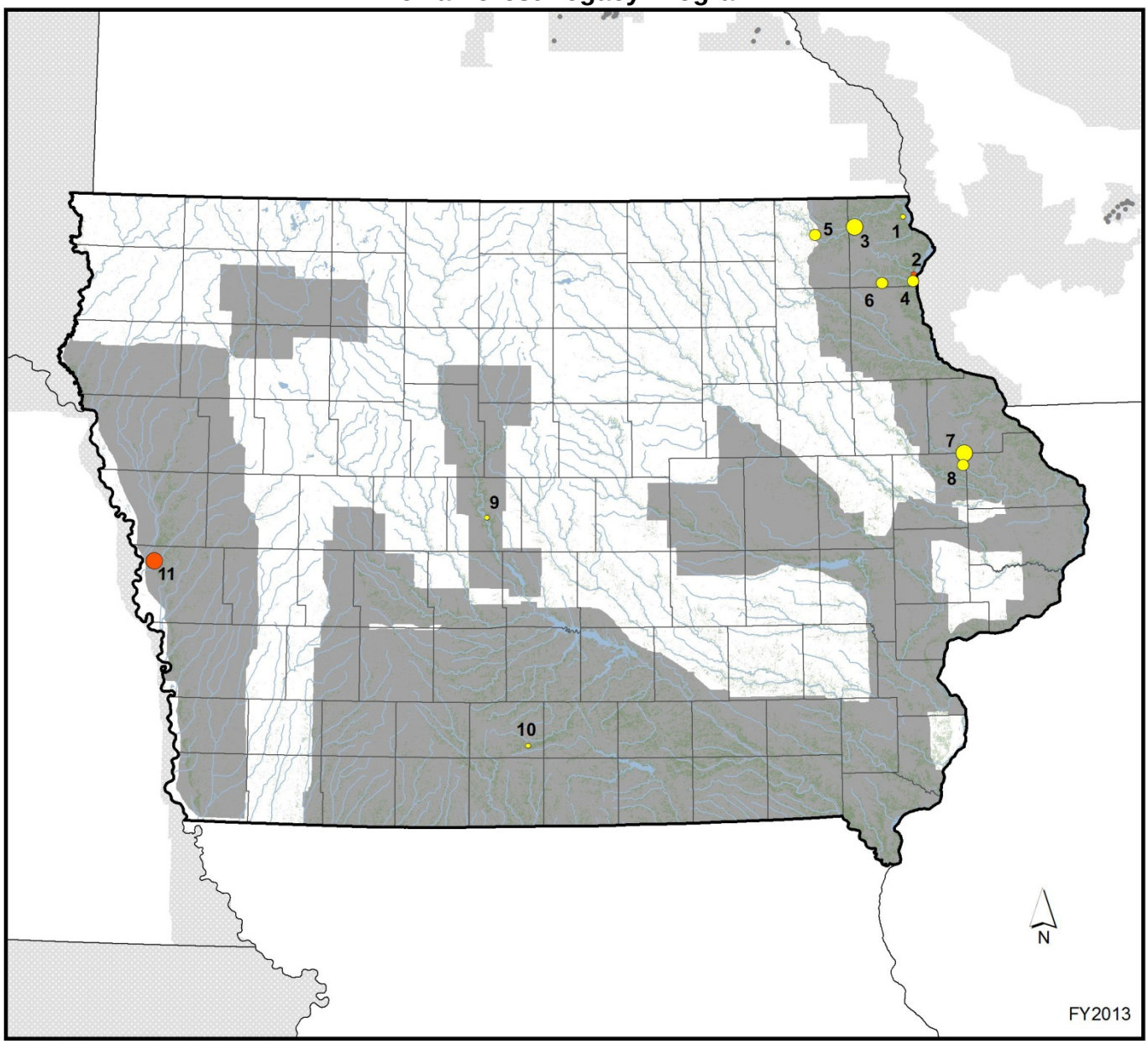
- Over 250 acres
- 75 - 250 acres
- 1 - 75 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Completed project in adjacent State

Indiana Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Little Richland Creek	CE	299	$110,000	$84,000
2–6	Indian Creek 1–3 & Cost Share 1–2	CE and Fee	2,390	1,973,000	1,428,000
7	Jack's Defeat Creek	CE	225	398,000	338,000
8–15	Shawnee Hills 1–2 & Cost Share 1–6	CE and Fee	2,067	4,779,000	3,565,000
16	Hills of Gold	CE	460	830,000	726,000
17–18	Land Bridge 1–2	CE	283	797,000	596,000
19	Gnaw Bone Camp	CE	1,368	2,425,000	1,824,000
20–21	Big Spring Farm 1–2	CE and Fee	183	237,000	175,000
22	Corning Woods	CE	142	125,000	0
23	River's Edge	CE	77	167,000	167,000
24	Rattlesnake Creek	CE	163	145,000	123,000
25	Luke's Run	CE	828	1,180,000	885,000
Completed Projects Total:			**8,485**	**$13,166,000**	**$9,911,000**

Iowa Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect environmentally important private forests that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses, such as conversion to agriculture, gravel pits/mining, and residential or commercial development
- Protect Iowa's publicly owned or permanently protected forested tracts from environmental threats caused by the development of nearby forest areas
- Prevent and reverse the fragmentation and parcelilzation of Iowa's contiguous forests by reconnecting parcels of land and keeping forests in congituous parcels
- Preserve the beauty and public enjoyment of Iowa's forested landscape

Assessment of Need approved March 7, 2002

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Forested land outside Forest Legacy Areas

Iowa Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)

Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

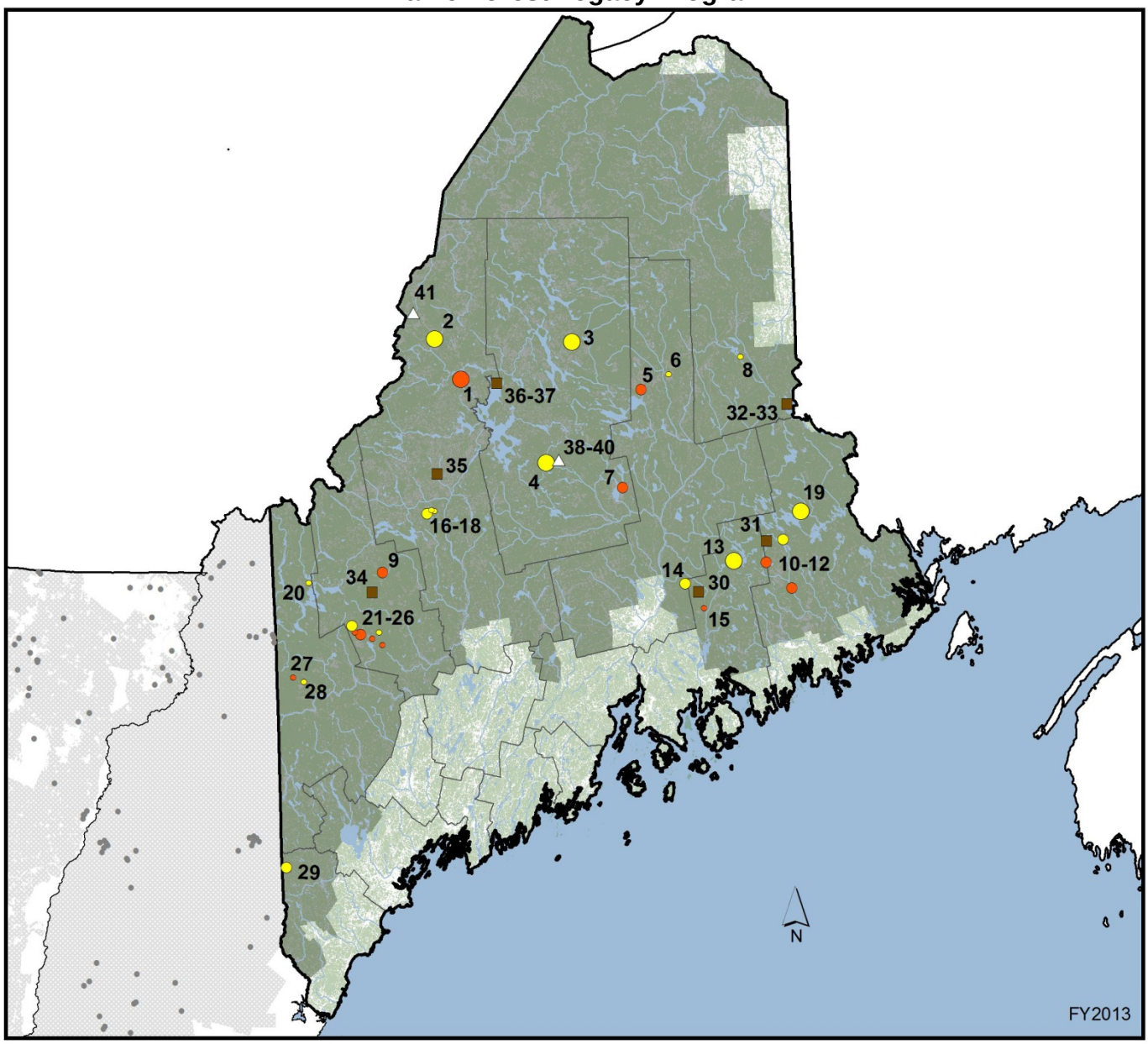
- Over 250 acres
- 100 - 250 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Completed project in adjacent State

Iowa Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Lansing Big Lake	CE	35	$78,000	$58,000
2–3	NE Upper Bluffs 1–2	CE and Fee	438	684,000	513,000
4	Effigy	CE	192	214,000	161,000
5	Cold Air Slope	CE	165	561,000	365,000
6	Monona	CE	209	251,000	188,000
7–8	Canyons 1–2	CE	557	339,000	265,000
9	Saylorville Greenbelt	CE	75	156,000	0
10	Stephens Forest	CE	60	19,000	4,000
11	Loess Hills Forest	Fee	255	606,000	132,000
Completed Projects Total:			**1,986**	**$2,908,000**	**$1,686,000**

Maine Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Prevent the conversion of Maine's forest to nonforest uses, and thereby protect an array of Maine's traditional forest uses. These uses include timber harvesting, public access, and recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, and hiking, to name but a few
- Protect a wide range of public values, including, but not limited to, wetlands, significant fish and wildlife habitat, historical or archaeological sites, scenic resources, rare or exemplary natural communities, biodiversity, and sustainable forest management

Assessment of Need approved March 18, 1994
AON Amended July 11, 2013

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 20,000 acres
- 5,000 - 20,000 acres
- 1 - 5,000 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Maine Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Maine Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1–2	West Branch 1–2	CE and Fee	328,379	$36,167,000	$19,657,000
3	Katahdin Forest	CE	194,751	23,800,000	4,437,000
4	Katahdin Iron Works	CE	37,000	9,870,000	4,434,000
5–7	Katahdin Forest Expansion 1–3	CE and Fee	13,651	5,522,000	3,700,000
8	Mattawamkeag	CE	3,338	895,000	500,000
9	High Peaks – Crocker Mountain	Fee	12,046	7,780,000	5,835,000
10–12	Machias River 1–3	CE and Fee	20,606	12,239,000	4,843,000
13	Nicatous Lake	CE	20,268	4,450,000	3,000,000
14-15	Lower Penobscot Forest 1–2	CE and Fee	17,684	7,766,000	2,570,000
16-18	Pierce Pond 1–3	CE	9,858	1,950,000	1,950,000
19	West Grand Lake Community Forest	CE	21,870	7,407,000	5,555,000
20	Cupsuptic Lake	CE	1,272	843,000	843,000
21-26	Mt. Blue/Tumbledown Mtn. 1–6	CE and Fee	25,779	7,690,000	4,240,000
27	Grafton	Fee	3,688	2,850,000	2,000,000
28	Stowe Mountain	CE	3,364	1,568,000	1,111,000
29	Leavitt Plantation	CE	8,603	2,750,000	596,000
Completed Projects Total:			**722,157**	**$133,547,000**	**$65,271,000**

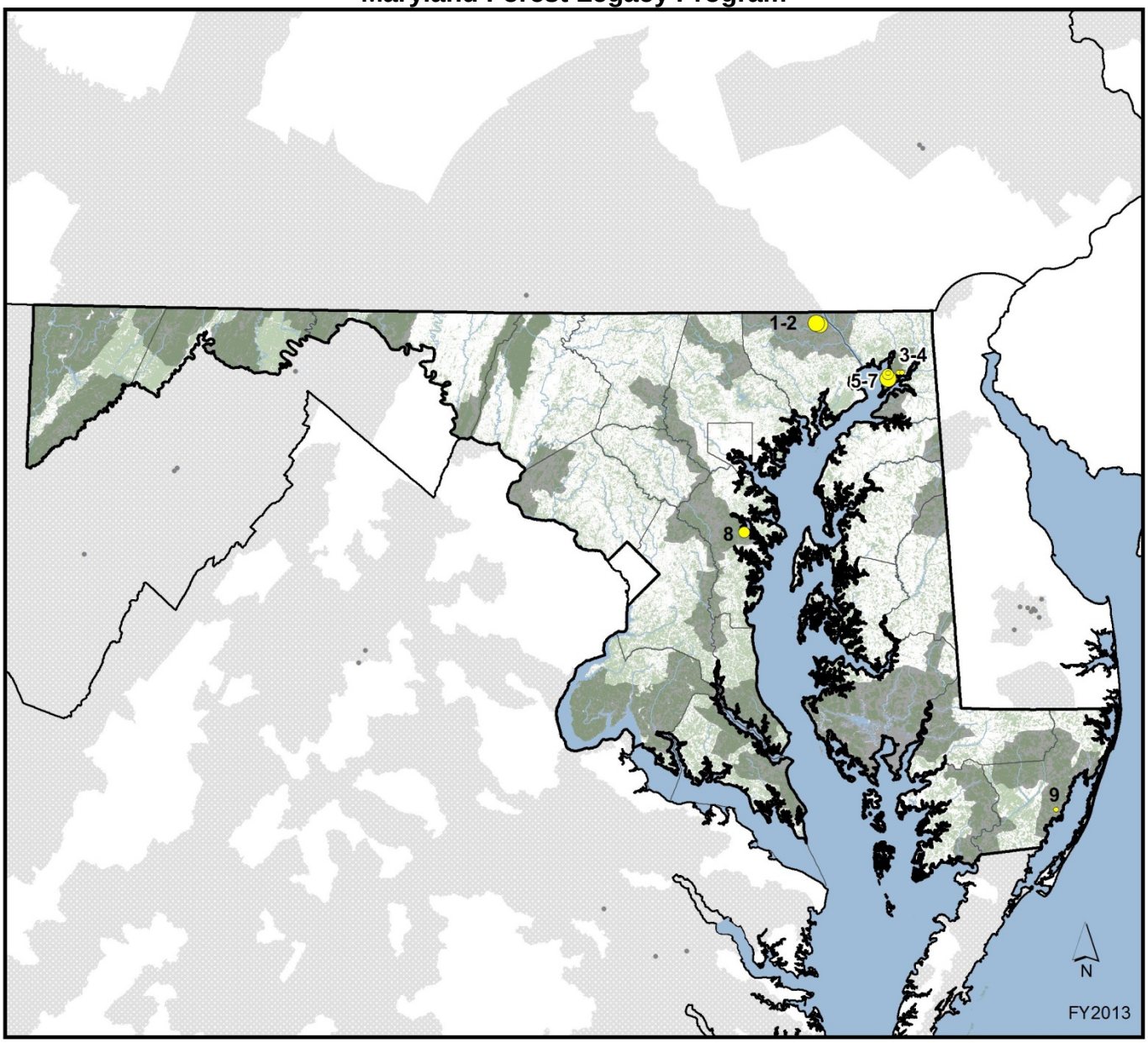
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
30	Lower Penobscot Forest 3	CE	24,557	$4,323,000	$2,889,000
The combination of fee and conservation easements for this project is part of a larger conservation vision. The Penobscot-Hancock Highlands Conservation Initiative seeks to protect the forest lands east of Bangor, from the Sunkhaze National Wildlife Refuge to Bar Harbor.					
31	Machias River 3 Tract 2	CE	27,164	3,392,000	2,060,000
Located between protected lands, this project has outstanding conservation values, including lakefront, streams, and diverse wildlife habitats. Secures over 88 percent of the upper Machias watershed from development and ensures sustainable forest management and public access.					
32-33	East Grand/Orient 1–2	CE and Fee	7,526	3,605,000	1,800,000
The project is part of a larger East Grand Watershed Initiative that will protect 12,200 acres of high-value international boundary forest lands and is contiguous to over 1.4 million acres of a conserved forested landscape spanning both sides of the international border with Canada.					
34	High Peaks – Orbeton Stream	CE	5,808	2,315,000	1,730,000
The property hosts federally listed endangered Atlantic salmon and is within an area designated by NOAA as Critical Habitat for Atlantic Salmon. The project is in the primary foreground viewshed of the federally designated Appalachian National Scenic Trail.					
35	Cold Stream Forest	Fee	8,000	8,000,000	6,000,000
The Cold Stream tract is an actively harvested commercial forest that contains nine ponds that provide exemplary wild native brook trout habitat, critical habitat for the threatened Canada lynx, and important deer wintering areas.					
36–37	Moosehead–Seboomook Inholding 1–2	CE and Fee	83	950,000	500,000
The parcels' coves and points will support camping adjacent to a key portage on the regionally significant Northern Forest Canoe Trail connecting the Kennebec and Penobscot watersheds and would complete the vision for Maine's prior West Branch project.					
Funded Projects Total:			**73,138**	**$22,585,000**	**$14,979,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
38–40	Gulf Hagas Whitecap	CE and Fee	13,875	$4,500,000
This project will conserve productive forest land, important wetlands, 4 mountain peaks, and 29 miles of undeveloped river frontage and pristine cold-water streams. The project will have managed forest lands that support eight mills and areas of high ecological and recreational importance.				
41	Big Six Forest	CE	22,984	6,000,000
This project will protect the headwaters of the Penobscot and St. John Rivers; conserve one of the United States' most significant sugar maple production sites; and achieve habitat connectivity and integrity for priority species, including Canada lynx and eastern brook trout.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**36,859**	**$10,500,000**

Maryland Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Restore and protect riparian zones, native plants and animals, and remnant forests
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Protect watersheds and water supplies
- Ensure economic stability through the continuation of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources of the State
- Provide linkage to public areas and protected areas
- Protect rare, threatened, and endangered species

Assessment of Need approved January 22, 1996
AON ammended March 13, 2014

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Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas

Maryland Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)

Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

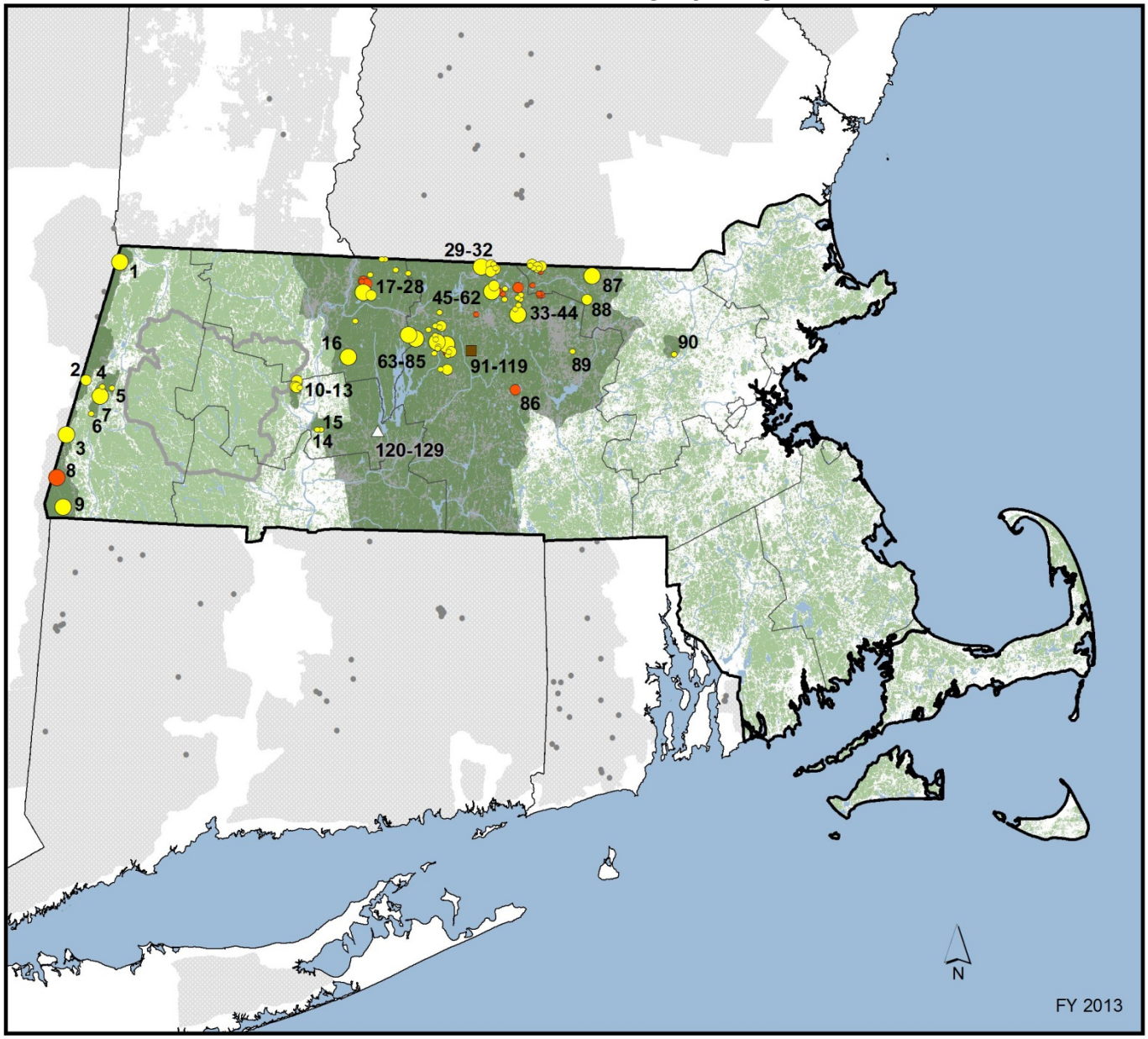
- Over 300 acres
- 100 - 300 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed project in adjacent State

Maryland Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1–2	Broad Creek 1–2	CE	767	$4,811,000	$3,255,000
3–4	Muddy Creek 1–2	CE	186	630,000	630,000
5–7	Rodney, Caveat, and McDaniel	CE	668	775,000	0
8	Green Cathedral	CE	298	1,550,000	650,000
9	Coastal Bay	CE	95	78,000	78,000
Completed Projects Total:			**2,014**	**$7,844,000**	**$4,613,000**

Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect high-elevation forests and municipal watersheds
- Protect aquifers, river corridors, and wetlands
- Protect threatened and endangered species habitat
- Encourage traditional forest uses

Assessment of Need approved August 5, 1993
AON amended October 25, 2013

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Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas

Massachusetts Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)

Massachusetts Proposed Forest Legacy Area

Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 200 acres
- 100 - 200 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1–3	Alford Springs & Cost Share 1–3	CE	947	$1,265,000	$945,000
4	Williams	CE	14	38,000	35,000
5	Audubon	CE	75	180,000	180,000
6	Stockbridge Sportsman's Club	CE	67	60,000	60,000
7	Kripalu (BNRC)	CE	225	280,000	280,000
8	Karner Brook Ridge	Fee	213	975,000	525,000
9	Mt. Washington–Camp Hi-Rock	CE	665	2,100,000	1,097,000
10	Holich	CE	113	220,000	220,000
11–12	Hatfield Watershed 1–2	CE	145	681,000	512,000
13	Anciporch	CE	106	198,000	165,000
14	Johnson	CE	47	59,000	48,000
15	Boudreau	CE	56	321,000	241,000
16	Brushy Mountain	CE	3,486	8,698,000	5,000,000
17–28	Metacomet-Monadnock Forest 1–12	CE and Fee	1,052	2,216,000	1,645,000
29–32	Bush Hill 1–4	CE	339	630,000	216,000
33–44	Southern Monadnock Plateau I 1–12	CE and Fee	1,162	3,653,000	2,679,000
45–62	Southern Monadnock Plateau II 1–18	CE and Fee	2,044	5,468,000	3,320,000
63	Eagleville Pines	CE	283	1,107,000	830,000
64–81	Quabbin Corridor Connection 1–18	CE and Fee	1,668	4,240,000	2,710,000
82	Hutchinson	CE	490	616,000	450,000
83	2-Mile Landbridge	CE	467	600,000	330,000
84–85	Prospect Hill 1–2	CE	167	385,000	302,000
86	Muschopauge Brook	Fee	106	1,000,000	395,000
87	Belmont Springs	CE	255	2,600,000	1,383,000
88	Pumpkin Brook Link	CE	174	750,000	250,000
89	Ballard Hill	CE	33	277,000	90,000
90	Pippin Tree	CE	73	4,300,000	1,500,000
Completed Projects Total:			**14,472**	**$42,917,000**	**$25,408,000**

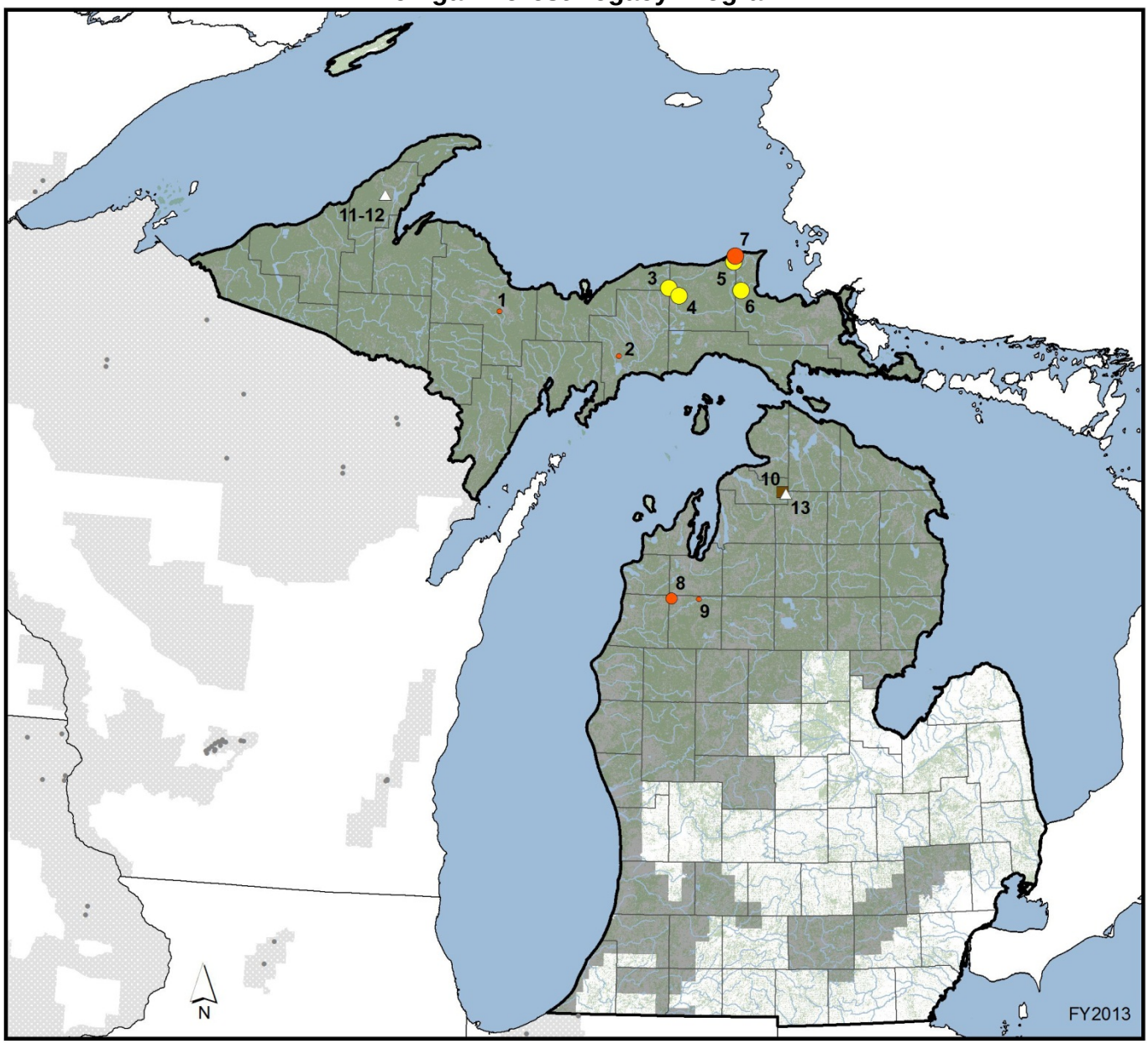
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
91–119	Quabbin Reservoir to Wachusett Mountain 1–29	CE and Fee	4,188	$10,436,000	$7,000,000
This project implements a landscape-scale vision to conserve a contiguous 20-mile forested corridor from the eastern shore of the Quabbin Reservoir to the peak of Mount Wachusett and provide key linkages to 50,000 acres of existing conserved lands.					
Funded Projects Total:			**4,188**	**$10,436,000**	**$7,000,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
120–129	Connecticut to Quabbin Reservoir 1–10	CE and Fee	1,103	$3,770,000
This project is part of a larger multistate FLP submission that ties directly to the Connecticut FLP Project Whip-Poor-Will Woods. When combined, the Massachusetts and Connecticut FLP projects work towards connecting upwards of 135,000 acres of protected open space.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**1,103**	**$3,770,000**

Michigan Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

Assessment of Need approved February 20, 2004

- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forests threatened by conversion to uses inconsistent with traditional forest uses
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by parcelization/subdivision and development
- Provide environmental benefits through the protection of riparian areas, native forest plants and animals, and natural ecosystem functions
- Maintain scenic resources
- Enhance recreational opportunities
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide undeveloped buffer areas to already protected areas
- Complement other State or Federal interests or assistance programs
- Protect rare, threatened, and endangered species
- Enhance habitat connectivity

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Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas

Michigan Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)

Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 200 acres
- 100 - 200 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

Michigan Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1–2	Central Upper Peninsula 1–2	Fee	160	$161,000	$106,000
3–6	Northern Great Lakes Forest 1–4	CE	149,747	29,416,000	9,445,000
7	Crisp Point	Fee	3,810	6,049,000	4,537,000
8-9	Northern Wexford 1–2	Fee	200	500,000	375,000
Completed Projects Total:			**153,917**	**$36,126,000**	**$14,463,000**

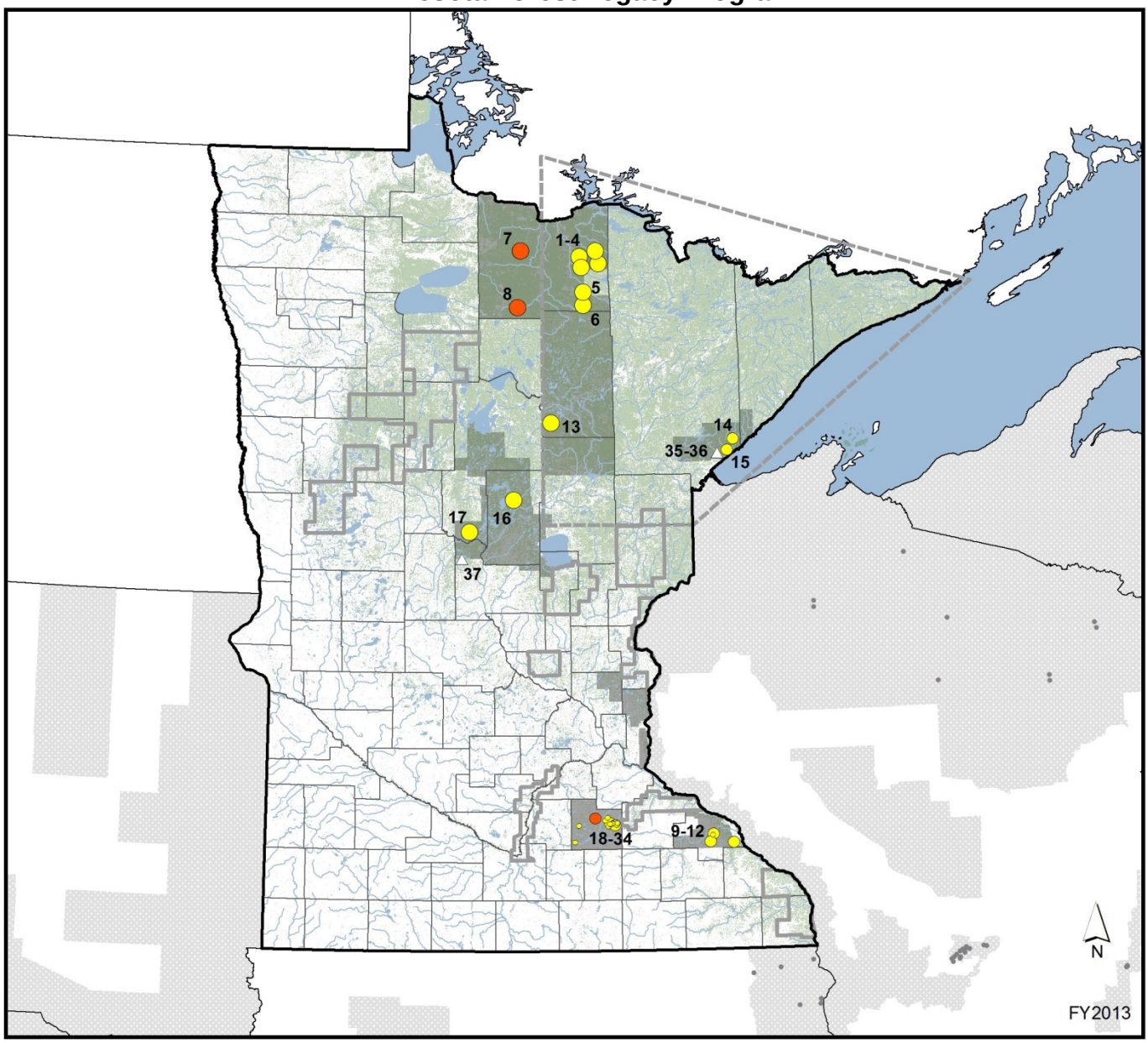
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
10	Gitcha-ninj Nebish 1	CE	750	$1,335,000	$1,000,000
The tract is dominated by high-quality northern hardwood forests and is surrounded on three sides by thousands of acres of managed State Forest lands. The tract is strategically positioned such that it connects larger blocks of protected State Forest lands and habitats.					
Funded Projects Total:			**750**	**$1,135,000**	**$1,000,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
11–12	Pilgrim River Forest	CE	1,350	$980,000
This project will protect and provide public access to 3.5 miles of the Pilgrim River. The property has critical habitat for both game and nongame wildlife and Neotropical migratory birds with over 100 acres of shrub and forested wetlands.				
13	Gitcha-ninj Nebish 2	CE	980	1,250,000
This second phase of a project is strategically positioned such that it connects larger blocks of protected State Forest lands and habitats.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**2,330**	**$2,230,000**

Minnesota Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Prevent conversion of private forest lands most likely threatened by development in the next decade
- Encourage all eligible organizations and agencies to focus on and protect the most threatened forests
- Work with organizations and agencies to protect specific forest tracts from development

Assessment of Need approved February 29, 2000
AON amended September 4, 2013

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Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas

Minnesota Forest Legacy Area - Active (Forested | Non-Forested)

Minnesota Forest Legacy Area - Candidate

Mixed Laurentian Province Forest Legacy Area

Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 1,000 acres
- 100 - 1,000 acres
- 1 - 5,000 acres

Completed Conservation Easement (CE)

Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)

Proposed

Completed project in adjacent State

Minnesota Forest Legacy Program

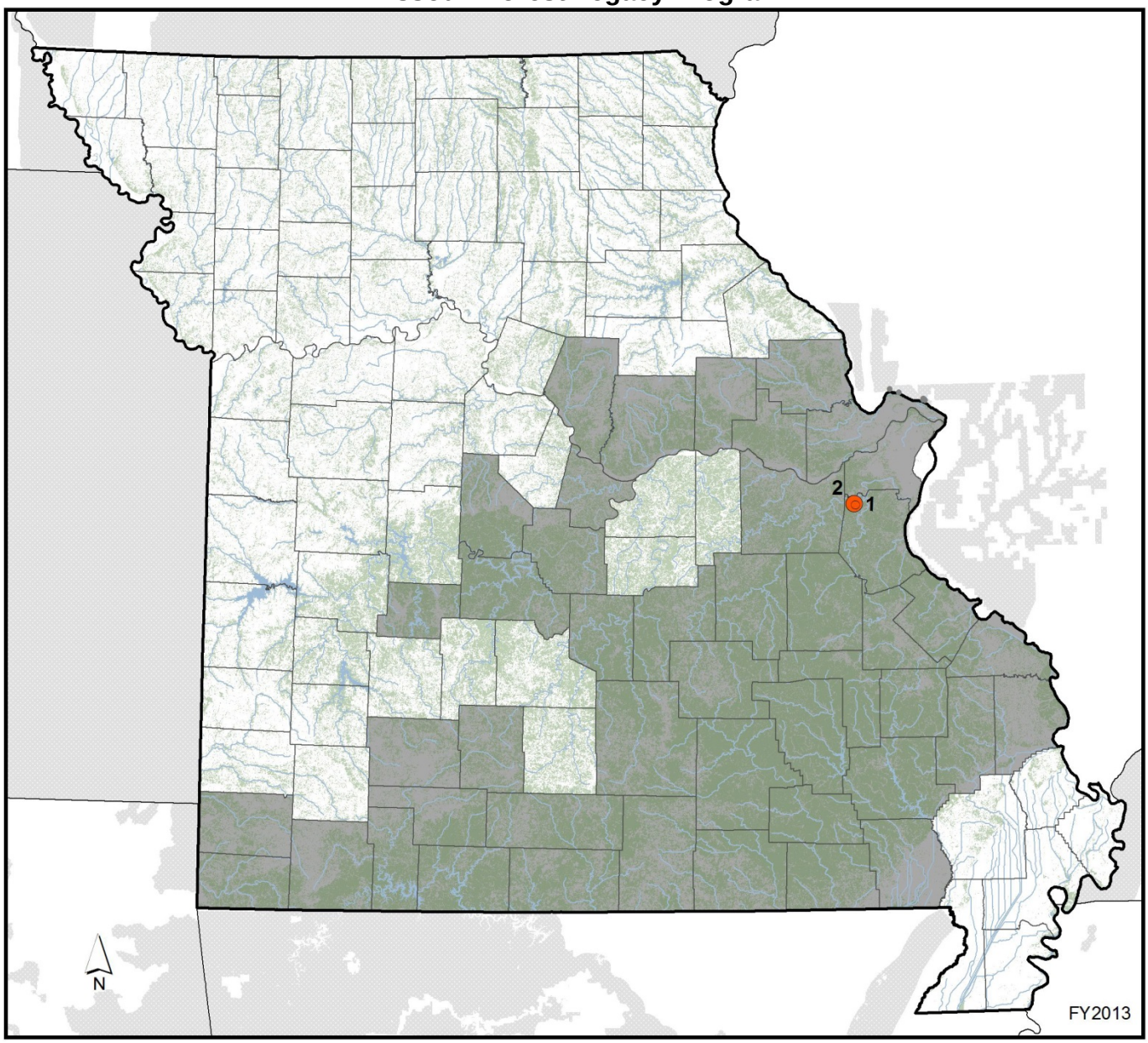
Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1–12	Koochiching Forest 1–6 & Cost Share 1–6	CE and Fee	137,297	$27,871,000	$9,956,000
13	Sugar Hills	CE	1,659	1,800,000	750,000
14–15	North Duluth 1–2	CE	768	720,000	365,000
16–17	Brainerd Lakes 1–2	CE	4,770	3,600,000	2,700,000
18–23	Nerstrand Woods 1–6	CE	464	1,267,000	1,001,000
24–29	Seven Mile Woods 1–6	CE	347	869,000	478,000
30–31	Cannon River Wilderness 1–2	CE	84	184,000	135,000
32–33	Cannon River Big Woods 1–2	CE	148	724,000	566,000
34	Big Woods Heritage Forest	Fee	128	409,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			**145,665**	**$37,444,000**	**$15,951,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
35–36	Lester River 1–2	CE	560	$585,000
Protecting these parcels will contribute to a landscape-scale system of undeveloped and protected forests along this state-designated trout stream that is a habitat and recreation corridor in the greater Duluth area.				
37	Lake Alexander	CE	1,443	2,700,000
The project connects State and private conservation areas and contributes to the ongoing Army Compatible Use Buffer protection efforts around the nearby Camp Ripley Military Reserve, a 54,000-acre Military Reservation containing vast areas of undisturbed natural habitat.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**2,003**	**$3,285,000**

Missouri Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

– To maintain large blocks of important privately owned forest land that will supply the infrastructure to protect and conserve the important forest values for which the forest was selected. These values are critical watersheds and water supply protection, species richness, native forest ecosystems, karst features, and species of conservation concern. Protection will be in accordance with providing for economic visibility and stability, forest stewardship, and sustainability through the promotion of working forests.

Assessment of Need approved August 5, 2005

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Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas

Missouri Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)

Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

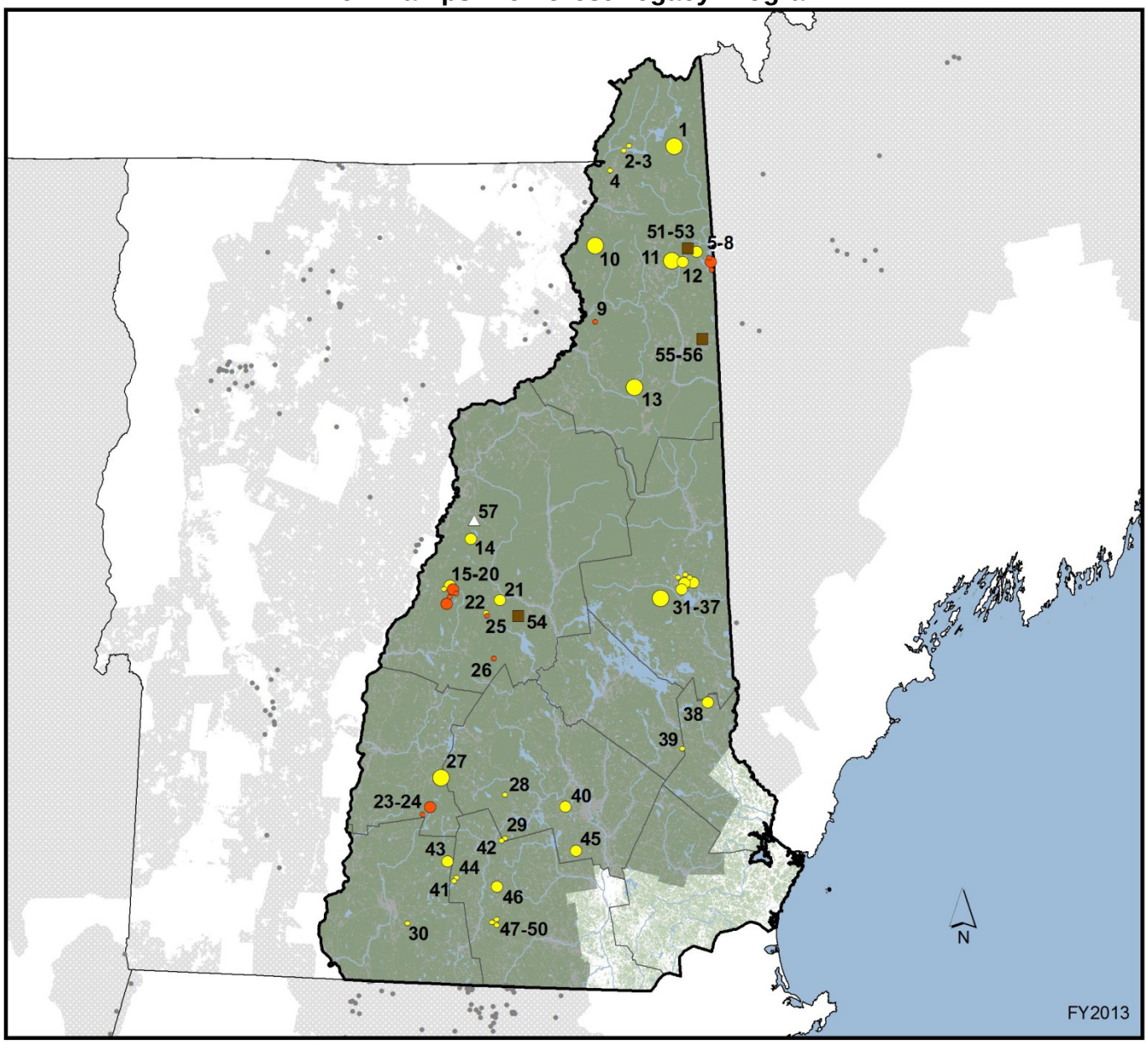
- Over 200 acres
- 1 - 200 acres
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)

Missouri Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	LaBarque Creek 1	Fee	154	$1,510,000	$500,000
2	LaBarque Creek 2	Fee	429	3,250,000	1,500,000
Completed Projects Total:			**583**	**$4,760,000**	**$2,000,000**

New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Expand existing protected forests
- Protect large blocks of forest land
- Provide for traditional forest uses
- Protect critical wildlife habitat

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AON amended February 29, 2000

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 5,000 acres
- 500 - 5,000 acres
- 1 - 500 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- New Hampshire Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Connecticut Lakes Headwaters	CE	146,290	$15,325,000	$11,494,000
2–3	Jahoda and Jahoda/Johnson	CE	400	157,000	157,000
4–9	Northern Forest Cost Share 1–6	CE and Fee	3,782	3,302,000	0
10	Bunnell Mountain	CE	18,430	2,050,000	1,675,000
11–12	Thirteen Mile Woods 1–2	CE	8,070	4,605,000	2,195,000
13	Pond of Safety	CE	10,198	3,844,000	2,109,000
14	Piermont Mountain	CE	1,650	219,000	219,000
15–20	Smarts Mountain 1–6	CE and Fee	3,911	878,000	873,000
21–24	Cardigan Highlands 1–2 & Cost Share 1–2	CE and Fee	3,514	2,733,000	1,037,000
25–30	Pillsbury-Sunapee Highlands 1–6	CE and Fee	7,786	3,566,000	2,499,000
31	Trout Pond	CE	2,660	2,130,000	1,184,000
32–36	Ossipee Pine Barrens 1–3 & Cost Share 1–2	CE	2,320	3,667,000	2,351,000
37	Ossipee Mountains	CE	5,372	1,685,000	1,400,000
38–39	Moose Mountain & Cost Share	CE	2,318	1,460,000	988,000
40–41	Rossview & Cost Share	CE	642	2,720,000	1,970,000
42–44	Willard Pond 1–2 & Cost Share	CE	2,323	4,802,000	3,535,000
45	Kimball Pond	CE	972	1,085,000	700,000
46–50	Crotched Mountain & Cost Share 1–4	CE	1,653	3,287,000	2,182,000
Completed Projects Total:			**222,291**	**$57,515,000**	**$36,568,000**

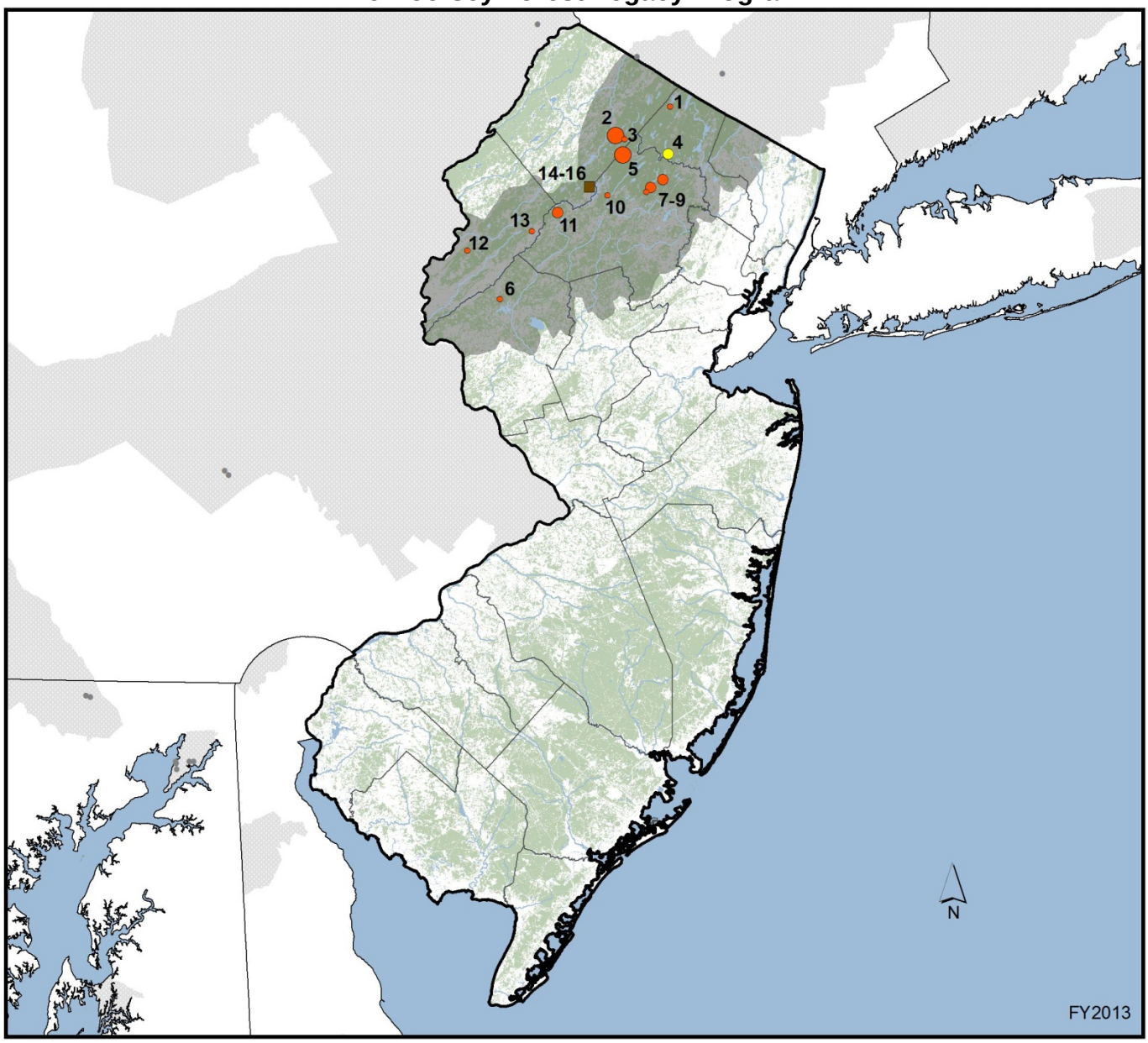
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
51–53	Androscoggin Headwaters 1–3	CE and Fee	23,779	$12,025,000	$9,100,000
Located in the stunning Mahoosuc Mountains region, the project will protect 19 undeveloped ponds, 6 rare natural communities, 38 miles of streams, and high-quality wildlife habitat.					
54	Cardigan Highlands 5	CE	4,385	2,563,000	2,563,000
This project is part of an effort to connect existing conservation lands to achieve conservation at the landscape scale. It will protect surface and ground water, fish and wildlife habitat, unique forest communities, and recreational opportunities.					
55–56	Mahoosuc Gateway 1–2	CE	24,200	7,620,000	5,715,000
The project lands are central to a landscape-level protection of public lands: the White Mountain National Forest to the west and south, the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge to the north, the Appalachian Trail to the south and east, and Maine Reserve Lands to the east.					
Funded Projects Total:			**52,364**	**$22,208,000**	**$17,378,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
57	Oliverian Valley	CE	1,019	$680,000
The project includes working forest and farm lands; a wheelchair-accessible hunting area; two wildlife management areas; and an extensive, publicly accessible recreation system. It also supports critical upland, wetland, and aquatic wildlife habitats.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**1,019**	**$680,000**

New Jersey Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect some of the last extensive unbroken forests
- Provide a great diversity of natural resources
- Protect important and unique wildlife habitat and critical migration routes
- Provide public recreation opportunities
- Protect high-quality drinking water supplies

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 1,000 acres
- 500 - 1,000 acres
- 1 - 500 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Completed project in adjacent State

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New Jersey Forest Legacy Program

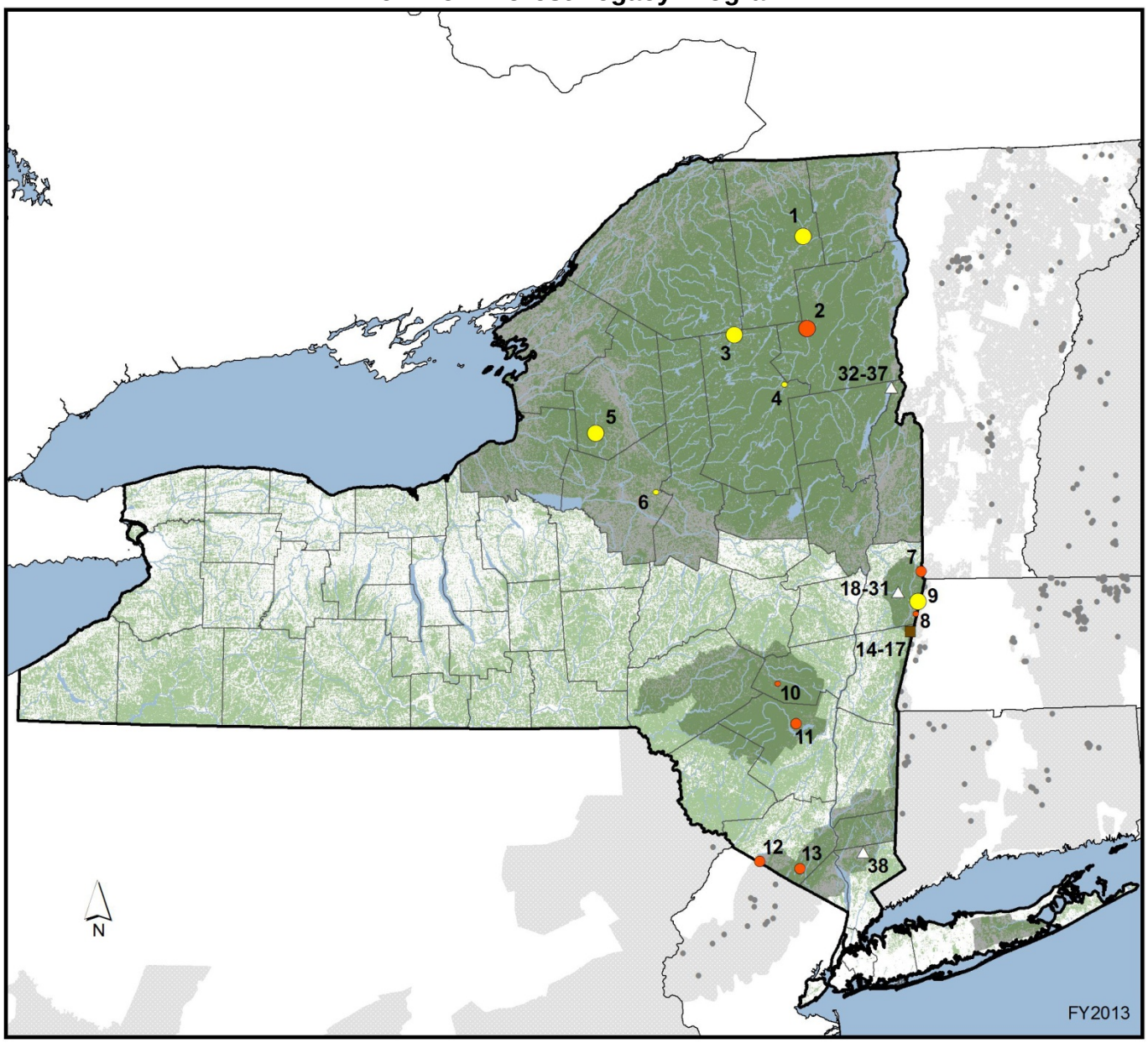
Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1–2	Lake Gerard & Cost Share	Fee	1,244	$5,940,000	$1,440,000
3	Highlands Greenway	Fee	257	859,000	600,000
4	Macopin	CE	700	1,432,000	700,000
5–6	Raritan River Watershed & Cost Share	Fee	1,234	7,466,000	3,747,000
7	Buck Mountain	Fee	978	4,602,000	200,000
8	Farny Highlands	Fee	528	6,120,000	1,021,000
9	Meriden	Fee	295	7,000,000	350,000
10	RTC/FDIC	Fee	145	412,000	412,000
11	Crown Towers	Fee	611	7,350,000	3,176,000
12	Buckhorn Creek	Fee	433	3,254,000	1,664,000
13	Sparta Mountain South 1	Fee	85	3,300,000	1,773,000
Completed Projects Total:			**6,510**	**$47,735,000**	**$15,083,000**

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
14–16	New Jersey Highlands Trail Corridor 1–3	CE and Fee	2,720	$8,086,000	$5,469,000
Located in the New Jersey Highlands, these projects will protect public water resources and biodiversity in this prime contiguous forested land while also providing public access and recreation through extension of the Highlands Trail.					
Funded Projects Total:			**2,720**	**$8,086,000**	**$5,469,000**

New York Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect traditional forest uses
- Provide public recreation opportunities
- Protect water quality
- Protect scenic quality
- Protect wildlife habitat

Assessment of Need approved October 26, 1994
AON amended November 3, 2010

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 1,000 acres
- 200 - 1,000 acres
- 1 - 200 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- New York Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

New York Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Adirondack Working Forest	CE	83,890	$10,069,000	$985,000
2	Tahawus	Fee	6,813	5,096,000	1,676,000
3	Adirondack Lakes	CE	10,056	6,102,000	2,500,000
4	Indian Lake	CE	141	86,000	86,000
5	East Branch Fish Creek	CE	31,230	3,140,000	2,362,000
6	Brown	CE	119	120,000	120,000
7–8	Fox and Pownal Tanning	Fee	378	231,000	131,000
9	George Allen	CE	1,313	437,000	350,000
10	Greene Frog	Fee	70	66,000	66,000
11	Ticeteneyck Mountain	Fee	448	1,970,000	500,000
12	Pochuck Mountain	Fee	515	2,678,000	1,284,000
13	Sterling Forest	Fee	847	4,270,000	2,000,000
Completed Projects Total:			**135,820**	**$34,265,000**	**$12,060,000**

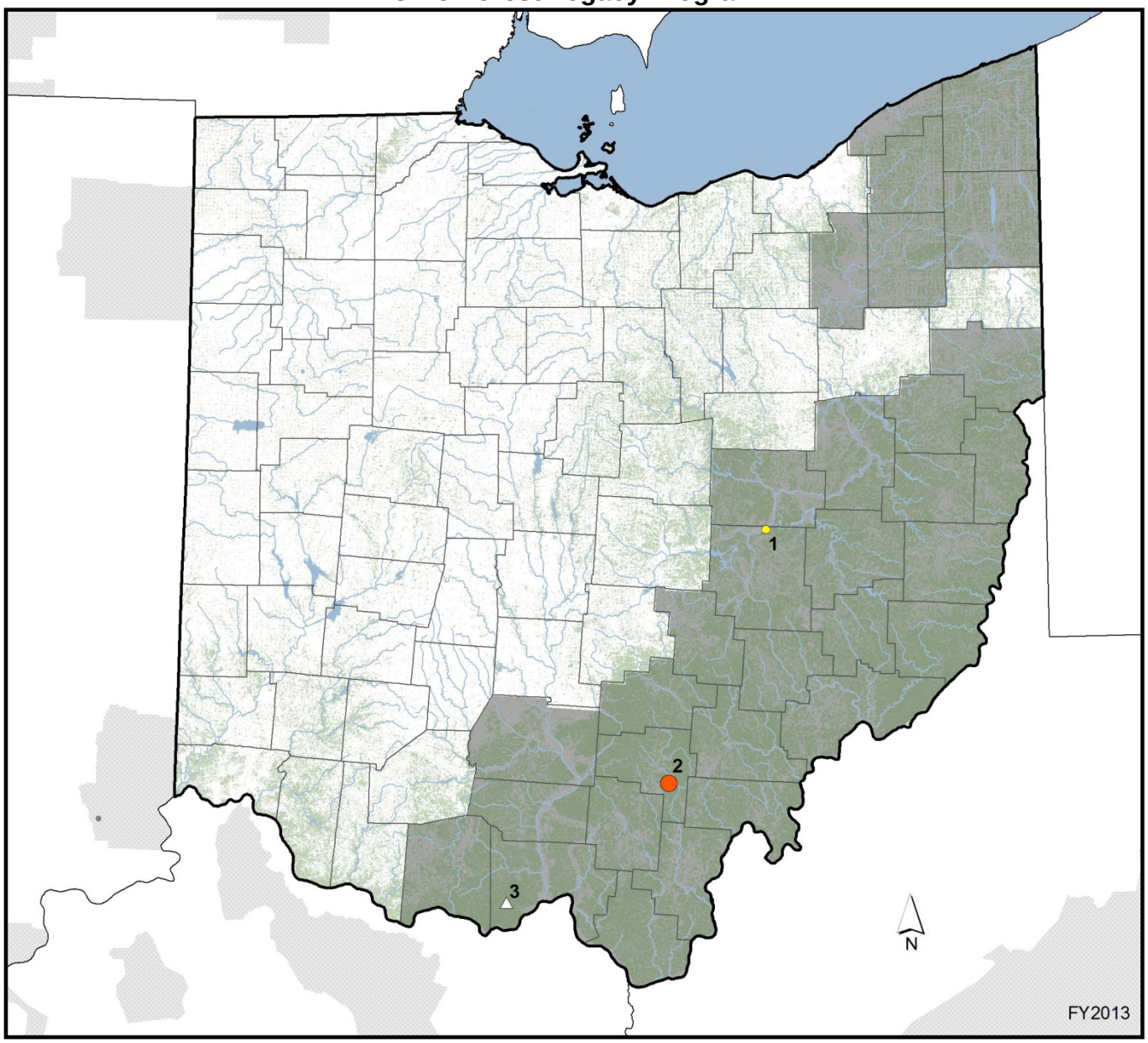
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
14–17	Mount Lebanon 1–4	CE	1,310	$2,520,000	$1,865,000
The project represents a unique opportunity to use conservation easements to permanently protect 1,310 acres of significant natural and historical resources and provide opportunities for public recreation, environmental education, and archeological research.					
Funded Projects Total:			**1,310**	**$2,520,000**	**$1,865,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
18–31	Rensselaer Plateau Working Forest 1–14	CE	2,583	$1,350,000
This project will conserve working forests, biodiversity, recreational opportunities, and connections in the core of the larger Rensselaer Plateau landscape. More than 80 percent of the project lands are managed for timber and more than 90 percent have high-quality wildlife habitat.				
32–37	LG-LC Forest Management Corridor 1–6	CE	1,032	1,270,000
This multiyear, multiphase project is a landscape forest management project that will protect over 2,500 acres spanning from Lake George (LG) to Lake Champlain (LC) with conservation easements.				
38	Granite Springs Forest in the Highlands Region	CE	100	1,075,000
This project will protect one of the last working landscapes in the southeastern New York Highlands Region through conservation easement. The forest is currently managed under a forestry management plan created with funding through a program to protect New York City watersheds.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**3,715**	**$3,695,000**

Ohio Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

– Protect working forests, which are defined as a forest with a management plan stating clearly identified management goals that incorporate timber harvesting as an essential management tool.

Assessment of Need approved August 5, 2005

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 500 acres
- 1 - 500 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Ohio Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Ohio Forest Legacy Program

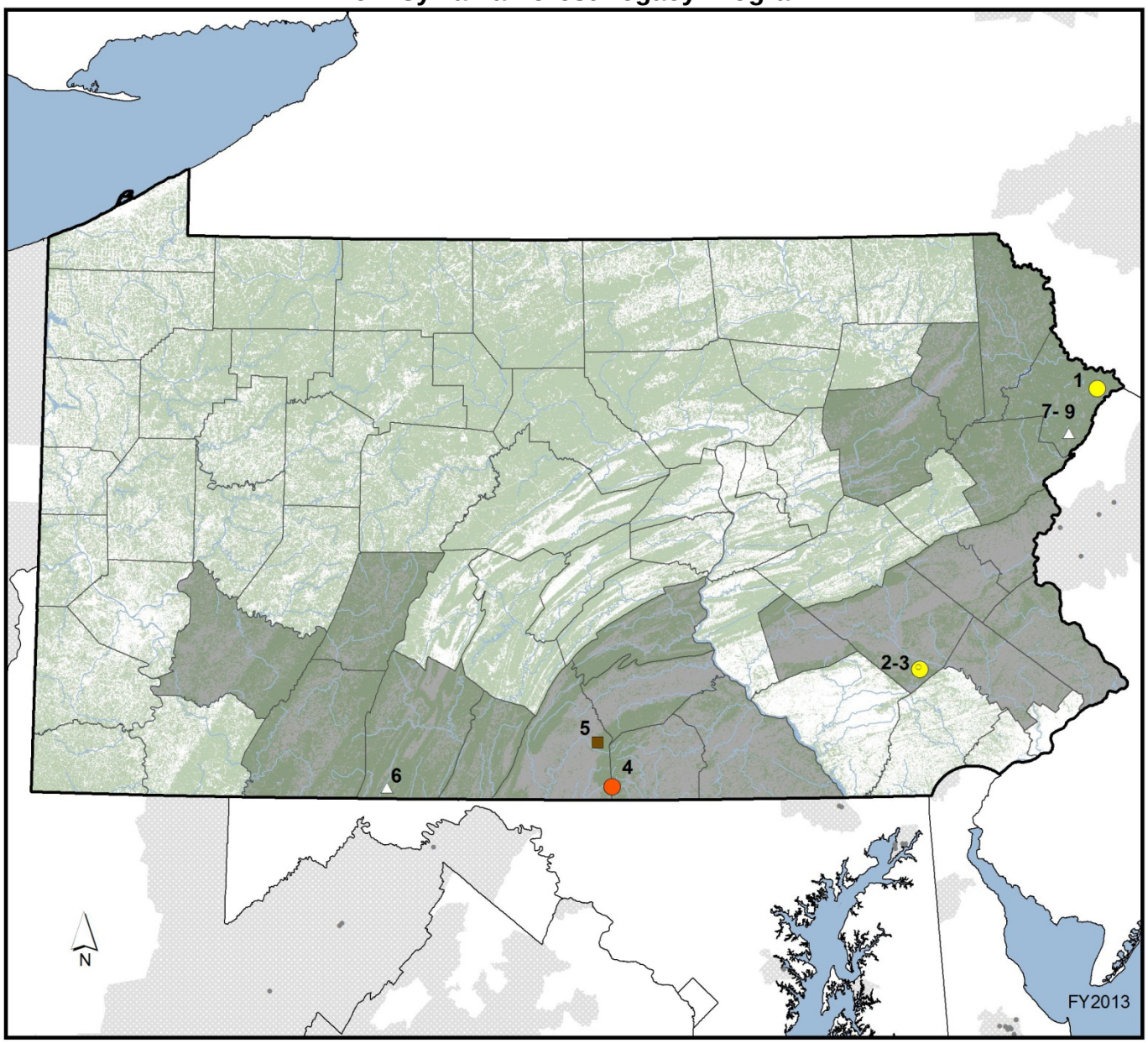
Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Muskingum North	CE	436	$349,000	$262,000
2	Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest	Fee	6,966	7,697,000	5,136,000
Completed Projects Total:			**7,402**	**$8,046,000**	**$5,398,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
3	Little Smokies	Fee	779	$1,715,000
This project will acquire highly strategic forest land in Shawnee State Forest, an area known as the "Little Smokies of Ohio" for its rugged and scenic beauty. The 63,747-acre State Forest includes Ohio's only state-designated wilderness area and surrounds the 1,168-acre Shawnee State Park.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**779**	**$1,715,000**

Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect and sustain working forests
- Maintain private ownership of the land
- Promote environmental integrity
- Promote traditional forest uses
- Promote sustainable forest management
- Maintain and reestablish forests along scenic corridors
- Protect headwaters and streams to enhance water quality

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AON Amended August 2, 2011

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Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas

Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)

Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 1,000 acres
- 1 - 1,000 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	History of Forestry	CE	1,191	$4,016,000	$2,216,000
2–3	Birdsboro Waters 1–2	CE	1,765	2,200,000	800,000
4	Tree Farm #1	Fee	1,466	5,570,000	3,500,000
Completed Projects Total:			**4,422**	**$11,786,000**	**$6,516,000**

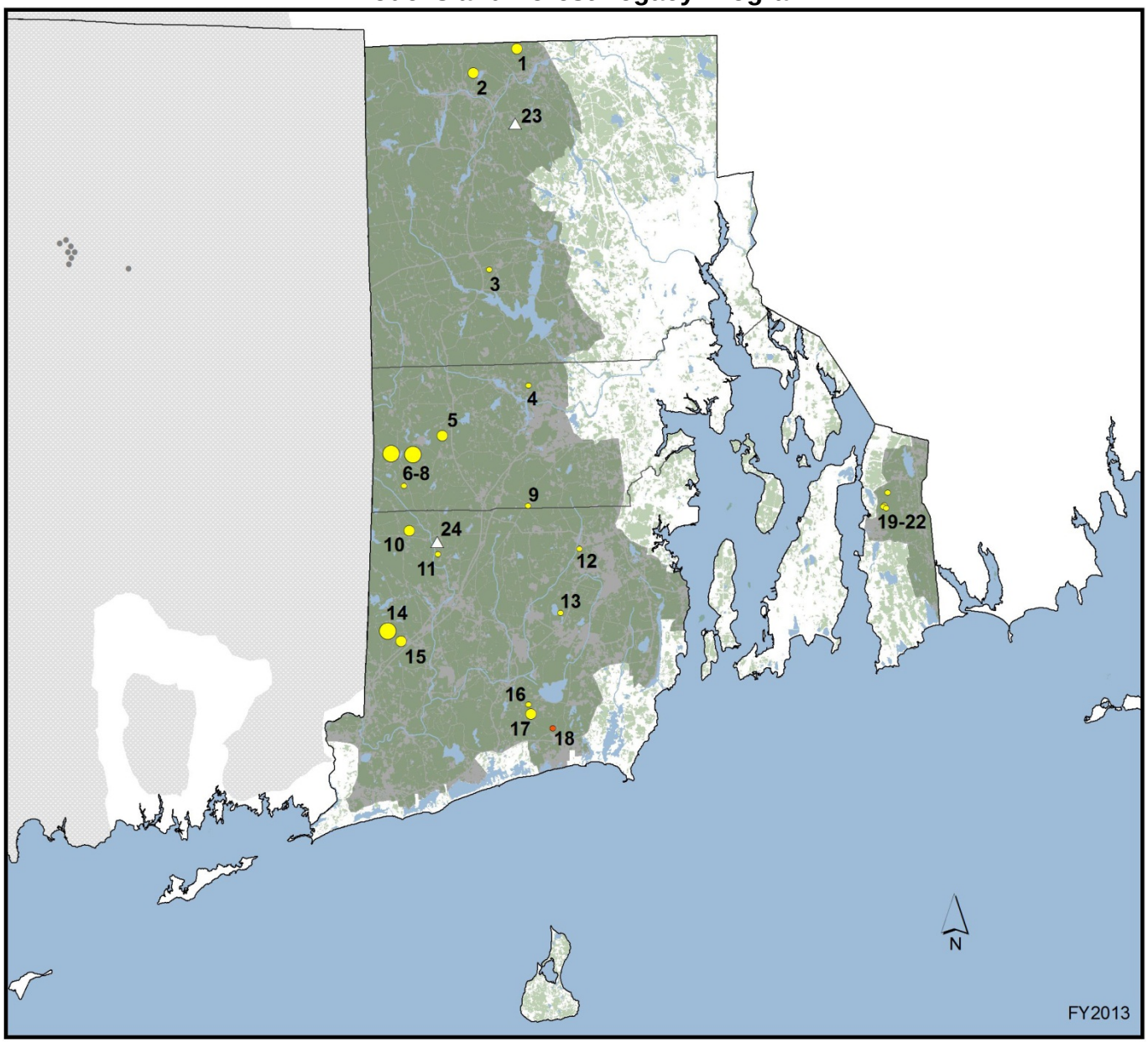
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
5	Eagle Rock	Fee	1,100	$3,000,000	$1,500,000
The property is the last remaining large block of private forest land of its size within the region and features high-value habitat for state-listed plants and animals as well as many game species.					
Funded Projects Total:			**1,100**	**$3,000,000**	**$1,500,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
6	Evitt's Creek	CE	3,696	$1,880,000
The project consists of a large block of unfragmented forest land surrounding two reservoirs that supply drinking water to the city of Cumberland, MD, and residents of southern Bedford County in Pennsylvania.				
7–9	The Northeast Connection 1–3	CE	3,745	16,025,000
This project is very important to the public water supply because it contains headwaters of the Bushkill and Delaware Rivers. It also contains a wide array of plant and animal life, including species of special concern such as the river otter and bald eagle.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**7,441**	**$17,905,000**

Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect and sustain working forests
- Maintain private ownership of the land
- Promote environmental integrity
- Promote traditional forest uses
- Promote sustainable forest management
- Maintain and reestablish forests along scenic corridors
- Protect headwaters and streams to enhance water quality

Assessment of Need approved December 30, 1993

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)
- Over 200 acres
- 100 - 200 acres
- 1 - 100 acres

Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
Proposed
Completed project in adjacent State

Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
Rhode Island Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program

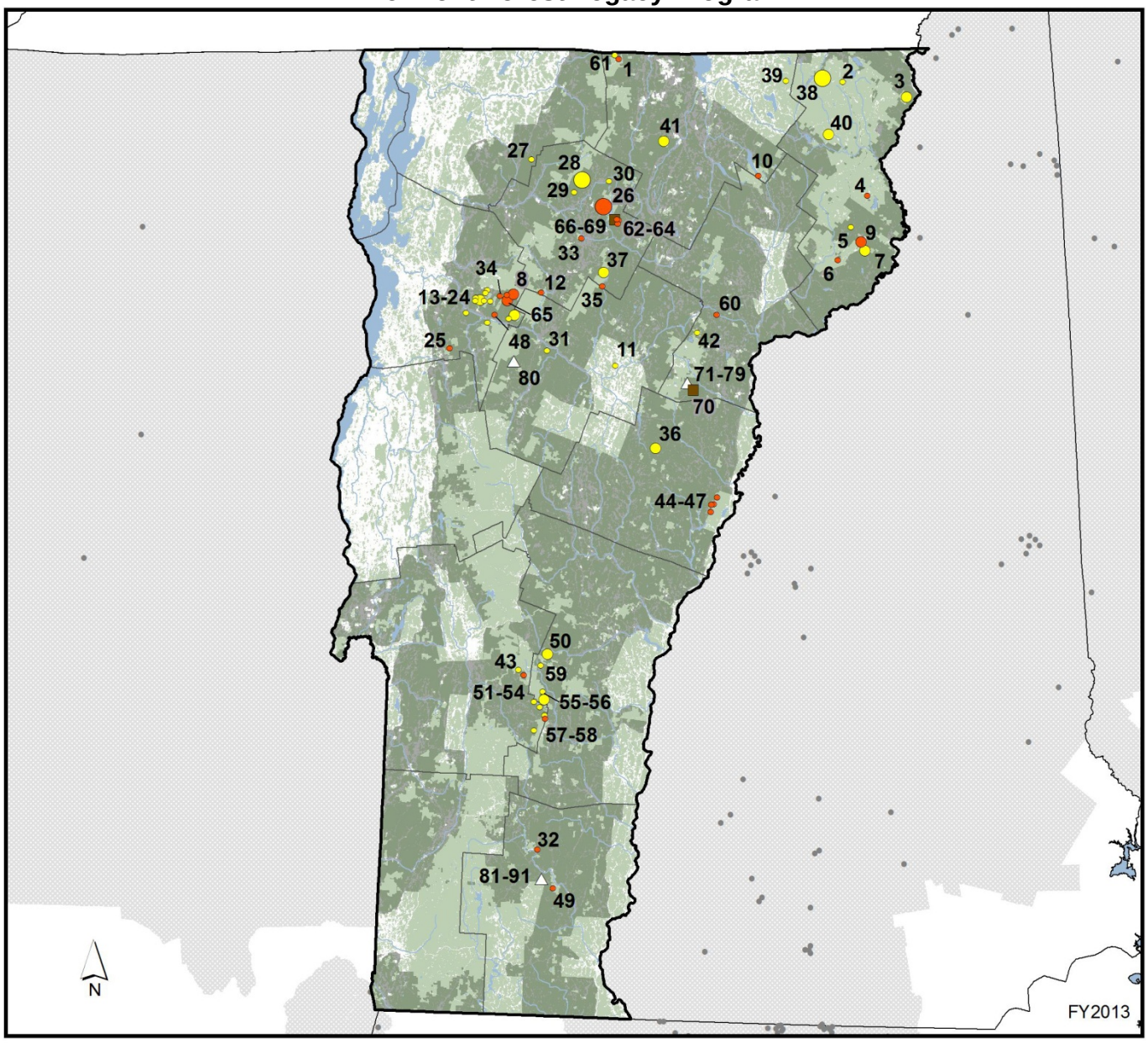
Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Screech Hole Bog	CE	137	$53,000	$50,000
2	Willoughby Cost Share	CE	200	575,000	0
3	Cork Brook	CE	45	218,000	218,000
4	Coventry Greenway	CE	72	296,000	296,000
5	Great Grass Pond	CE	164	495,000	324,000
6–8	Tillinghast Pond 1–3	CE	1,509	14,620,000	3,000,000
9	Big River	CE	69	770,000	591,000
10	Mount Tom Trail	CE	145	270,000	270,000
11	Pratt Farm Cost Share	CE	72	360,000	0
12	Queen's River	CE	80	155,000	155,000
13	Yawgoo Pond	CE	68	928,000	528,000
14–15	Canonchet Forest 1–2	CE	588	1,646,000	1,009,000
16–17	DuVal Trail Corridor 1–2	CE	211	845,000	724,000
18	Susanna's Woods	Fee	75	445,000	445,000
19–22	Weetamoo Woods 1–4	CE	148	820,000	498,000
Completed Projects Total:			**3,583**	**$22,496,000**	**$8,108,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
23	Arcadia Woodlands	CE	45	$400,000
The project will acquire a conservation easement on a 45-acre parcel that is an "inholding" within the Arcadia Management Area, the largest and most heavily used public conservation area under State ownership in Rhode Island.				
24	Oak Hill-Tarkiln	CE	782	$2,550,000
The property is a combination of forest, fields, and active agriculture that has been actively managed since the 1980s. The property is certified in the American Tree Farm System and enrolled in the State Farm, Forest, and Open Space current use tax program.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**827**	**$2,950,000**

Vermont Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect large contiguous and productive forest blocks
- Protect habitats for wildlife dependent on large contiguous forest blocks
- Protect threatened and endangered species habitat
- Protect State fragile areas and undeveloped shoreline
- Protect significant wetlands
- Protect important recreation corridors

Assessment of Need approved February 11, 1994
AON amended November 3, 2010

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 5,000 acres
- 1,000- 5,000 acres
- 1 - 1,000 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Vermont Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Vermont Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1–8	Northeast Kingdom 1–6 & Cost Share 1–2	CE and Fee	5,912	$2,376,000	$1,704,000
9	Cow Mountain Pond	Fee	1,660	570,000	271,000
10–25	Chittenden Uplands 1–13 & Cost Share 1–3	CE and Fee	6,112	5,994,000	4,453,000
26	Green River	Fee	5,113	2,526,000	1,776,000
27–32	Eden Forest & Cost Share 1–5	CE and Fee	7,959	5,471,000	3,981,000
33–36	Orange Headwaters & Cost Share 1–3	CE and Fee	1,560	1,073,000	760,000
37	Atlas	CE	2,281	342,000	342,000
38	Hancock	CE	31,450	2,847,000	2,500,000
39–43	Vermont Cost Share Tracts 1–5	CE	7,805	1,552,000	0
44–47	Brushwood Community Forest 1–4	CE and Fee	1,059	1,535,000	1,485,000
48–49	Brushwood Community Forest Cost Share 1–2	Fee	315	470,000	0
50	Chateauguay/No Town	CE	1,175	950,000	550,000
51–54	Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor 1–4	CE and Fee	1,822	1,918,000	1,438,000
55	Wilderness Corp.	CE	2,086	771,000	618,000
56	Snow	CE	560	200,000	200,000
57–60	Green Mountain Wildlife Corridor 1–4	CE and Fee	1,002	1,649,000	1,088,000
61–65	Northern Green Mountains Linkage 1–5	CE and Fee	2,445	3,781,000	1,781,000
Completed Projects Total:			**80,316**	**$34,025,000**	**$22,947,000**

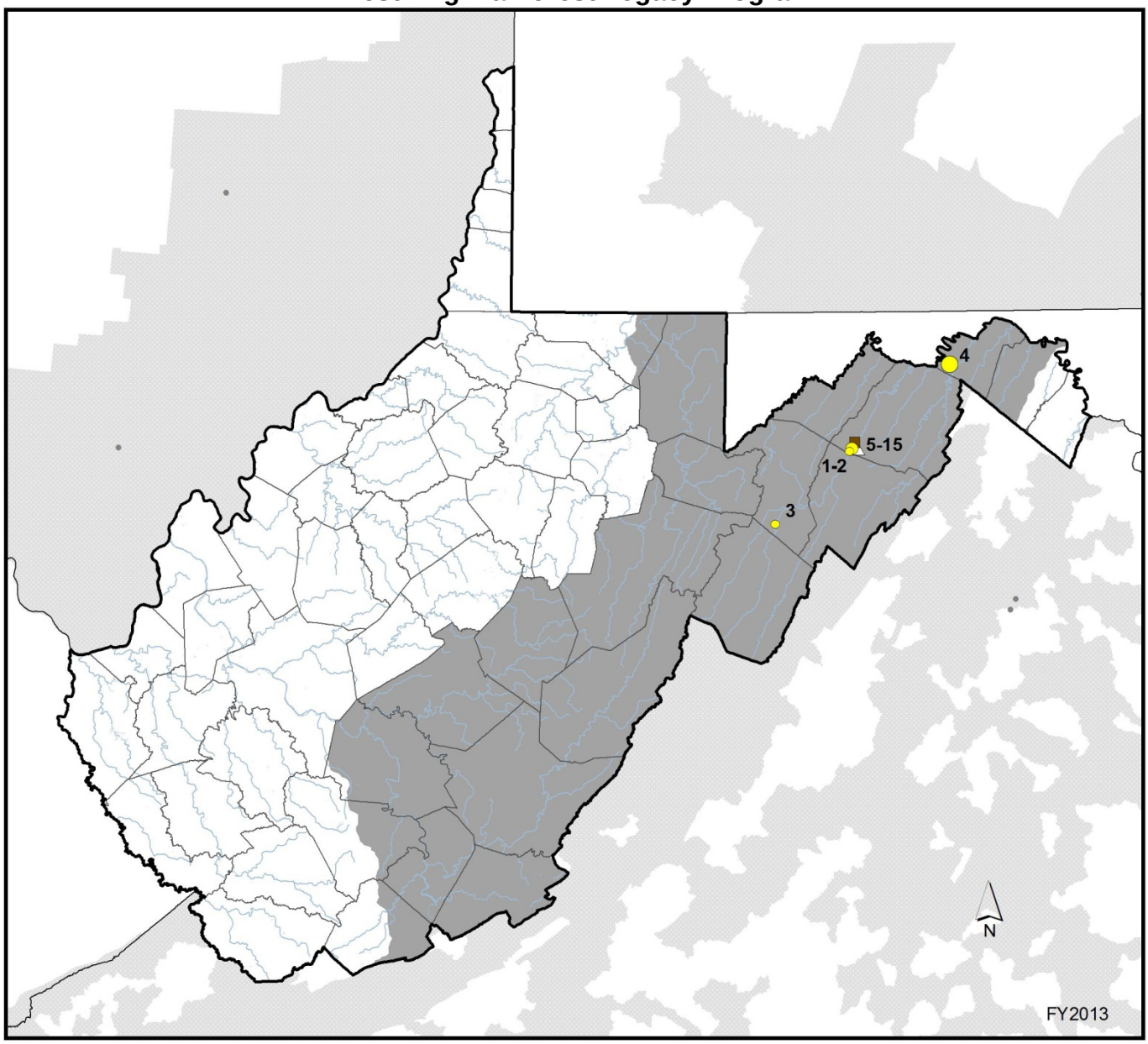
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
66–69	Northern Green Mountains Linkage 6–9	CE	4,231	$3,670,000	$2,720,000
Through a combination of easements and fee, this project will protect over 5,000 acres of managed forest land, 25 undeveloped ponds, rare species and communities, 25 miles of streams, and high-quality wildlife habitat.					
70	Groton Forest Legacy Initiative 1	Fee	1,064	2,140,000	1,605,000
The project will protect managed forest land, rare species and communities, 15 miles of streams, and 45,000+ feet of undeveloped lake and pond frontage adjacent to the State of Vermont's second-largest landholding, the 29,700-acre Groton Management unit.					
Funded Projects Total:			**5,295**	**$5,810,000**	**$4,325,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
71-79	Groton Forest Legacy Initiative 2–10	CE	8,767	$5,205,000
Additional properties for this multitract FLP project that would protect undeveloped lake and pond frontage adjacent to the State of Vermont's second-largest landholding, the 29,700-acre Groton Management unit.				
80	Dowsville Headwaters	Fee	2,085	3,350,000
Acquisition of the project by the State will improve protection of Camel's Hump, Vermont's highest undeveloped peak. A National Natural Landmark, Camel's Hump is an iconic part of Vermont's identity as emblazoned on the State quarter, State seal, and license plates.				
81-91	Windham Region Working Forest 1–11	CE	8,250	8,575,000
The project is in the watershed of the Connecticut River, 1 of 14 rivers nationally designated as an American Heritage River. Objectives for the Connecticut River include economic revitalization, natural resource and environmental protection, and cultural and historic preservation.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**19,102**	**$17,130,000**

West Virginia Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Maintain large and intact forest land tracts
- Invest in areas that will not be engulfed by other land uses
- Conserve tracts with significant timber resource values
- Support communities by conserving the raw materials for the timber, recreation, and tourism industries
- Maintain important water features by conserving working forests, wetlands, and riparian buffers
- Sustain the most ecologically significant areas of the State

Assessment of Need approved December 2, 2003

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 1,000 acres
- 400 - 1,000 acres
- 1 - 400 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- West Virginia Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

West Virginia Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1–3	South Branch 1–3	CE	1,286	$1,251,000	$938,000
4	Potomac River Hills	CE	2,505	4,510,000	2,267,000
Completed Projects Total:			**3,791**	**$5,761,000**	**$3,205,000**

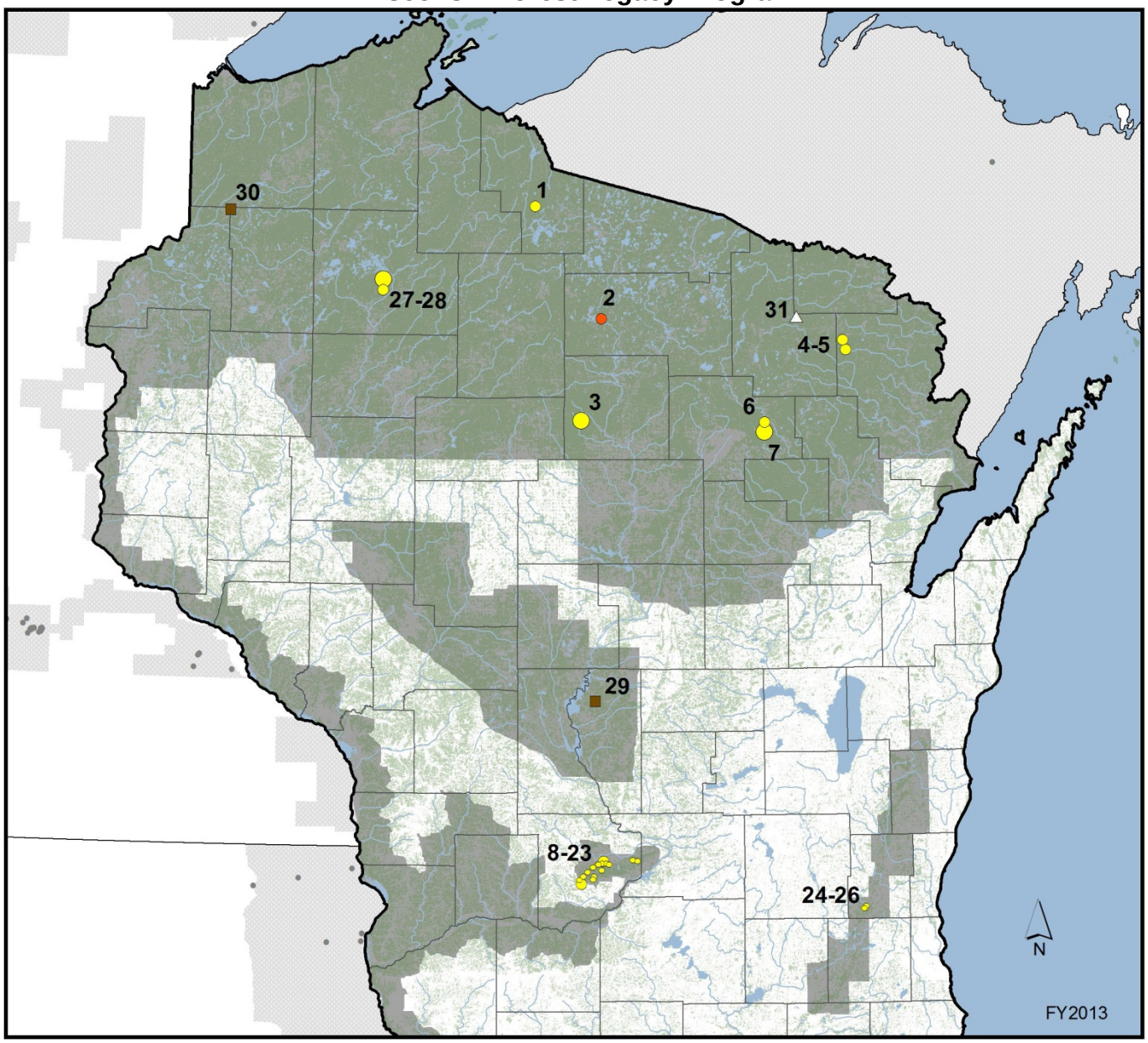
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
5–8	South Branch 4–7	CE	1,046	$2,195,000	$1,650,000
This project will maintain critical riparian zones and enhance water quality along tributaries that flow into the Potomac River, which is known as the "Nation's River" and is the drinking water source for residents of Washington, DC.					
Funded Projects Total:			**1,046**	**$2,195,000**	**$1,650,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
9–15	South Branch 8–14	CE	2,294	$5,480,000
Additional properties for this multitract FLP project that would build upon past success and protect forests, maintain critical riparian zones, and enhance water quality along tributaries that flow into the Potomac River.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**2,294**	**$5,480,000**

Wisconsin Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

– Minimize fragmentation and conversion of significant forested areas to onforest uses through the wise administration of conservation easements that focus on the sustainable use of forest resources

Assessment of Need approved January 16, 2001
AON amended November 3, 2010

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 10,000 acres
- 100 - 10,000 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Wisconsin Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Wisconsin Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2013

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1–3	Tomahawk Northwoods 1–3	CE and Fee	36,883	$16,451,000	$6,972,000
4–5	Wild Rivers 1–2	CE	14,576	7,648,000	4,601,000
6–7	Wolf River 1–2	CE	18,511	8,331,000	3,056,000
8–23	Baraboo Hills 1–16	CE	924	1,352,000	994,000
24–26	Holy Hills 1–3	CE	198	3,131,000	1,975,000
27–28	Chippewa Flowage 1–2	CE	18,179	8,220,000	4,000,000
Completed Projects Total:			**89,271**	**$45,134,000**	**$21,598,000**

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2014

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
29	Central Sands Pines	CE	7,529	$4,517,000	$3,000,000
This property contains critical habitat for the federally endangered Kirtland's warbler and Karner Blue butterfly. The project contains the documented first breeding site of the Kirtland's warbler in the United States outside Michigan.					
30	Brule-St. Croix Part 2	CE	22,667	6,000,000	4,500,000
Located in the headwaters of the St. Croix National Scenic River and the Bois Brule River, this project ultimately protects water quality in Lake Superior and the Mississippi River. The project links 985,000 acres of existing conservation lands to create an expanse of more than 1 million acres.					
Funded Projects Total:			**30,196**	**$10,517,000**	**$7,500,000**

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
31	Wild Waters	CE	9,100	$4,200,000
A landscape of protected lands surrounds the project, including 660,000 acres of national forest; over 200,000 acres of forest land in Forest, Florence, and Marinette Counties; and the working forest easements of the Wild Rivers Legacy Forest and Wabikon Waters and Woodlands.				
Proposed Projects Total:			**9,100**	**$4,200,000**

Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry
Forest Legacy Program Contacts

The following pages contain contact information for Federal and State staff who are involved with the Forest Legacy Program in the 20 Northeastern and Midwestern States served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF), a branch of the Forest Service. Included is the scope of responsibility of the NA S&PF staff in the implementation of the Forest Legacy Program.

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For more information about the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Forest Legacy Program, visit www.na.fs.fed.us/legacy.

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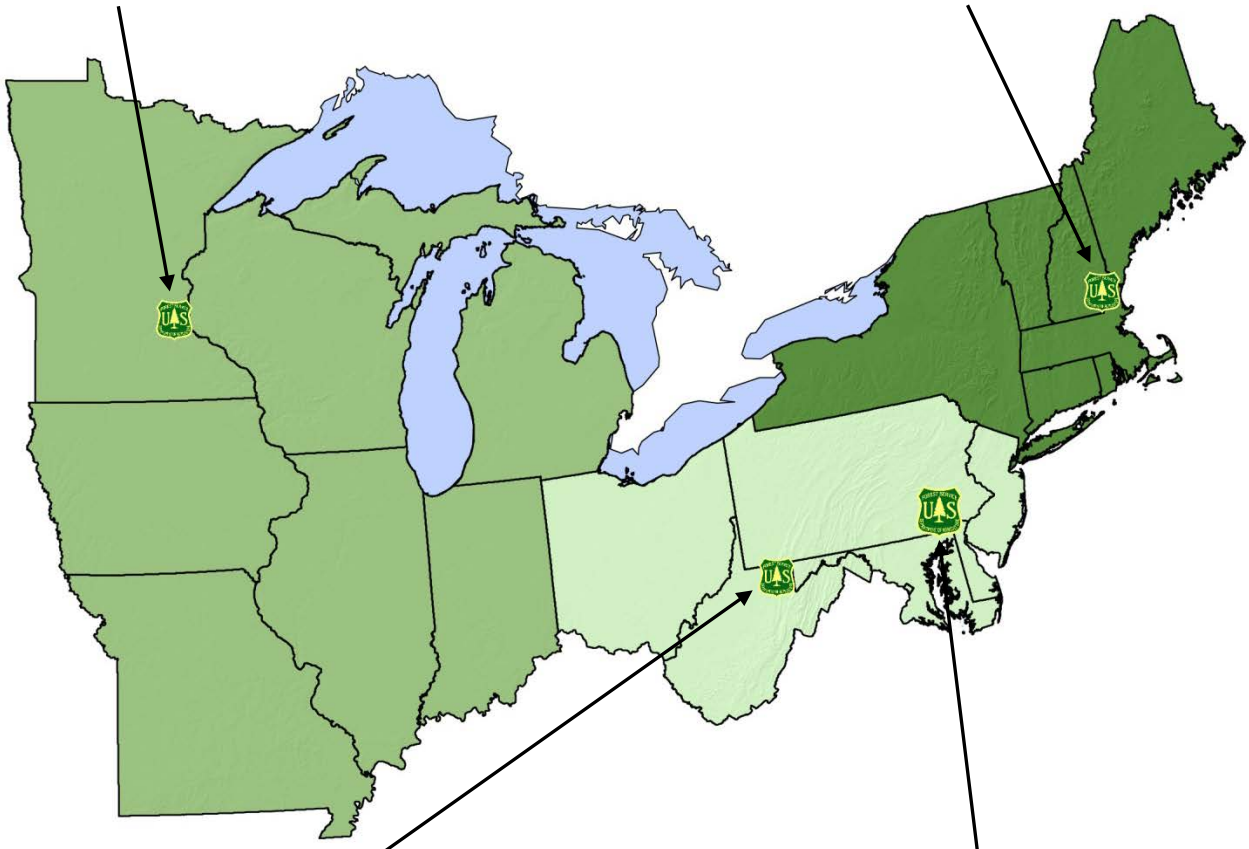

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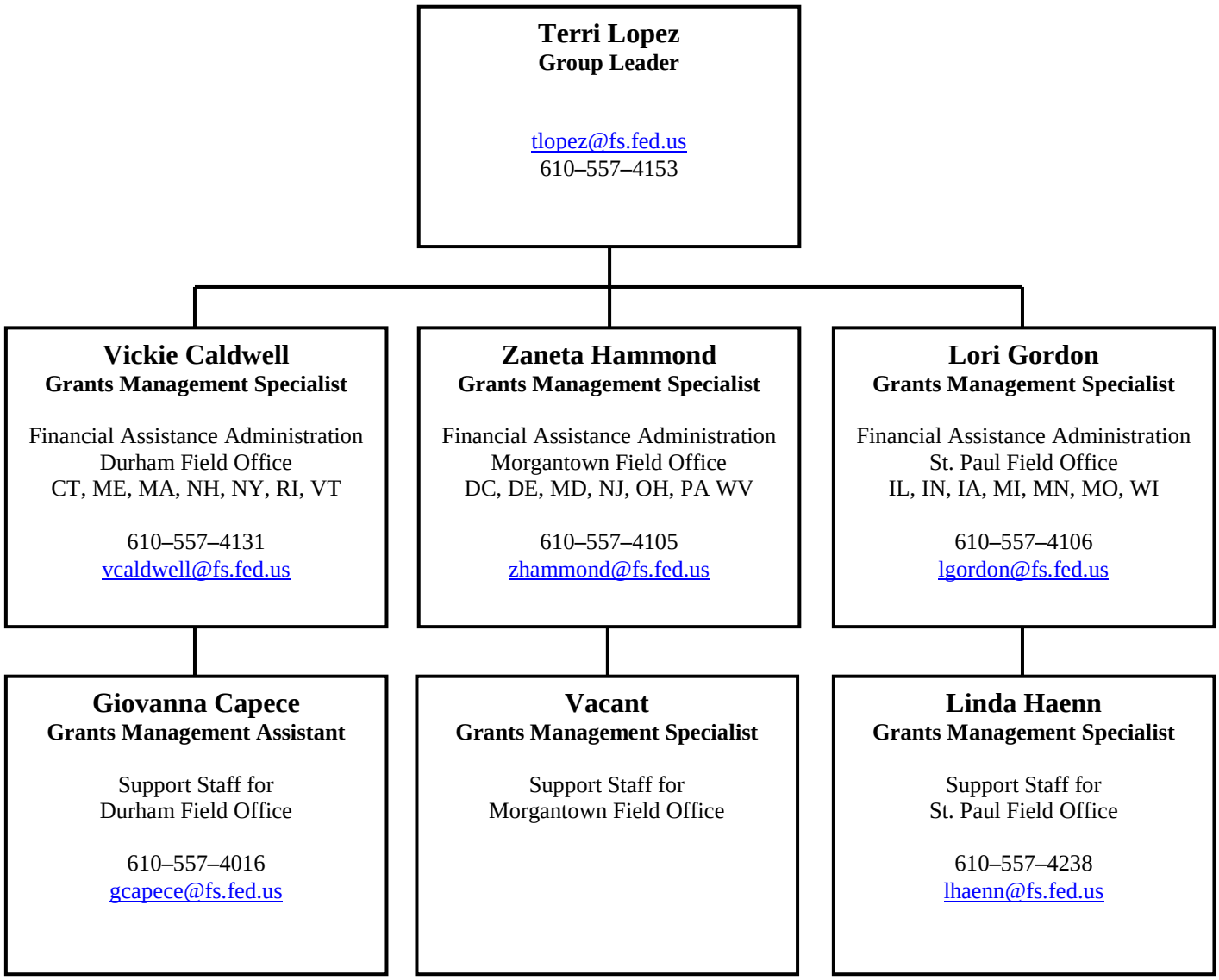

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